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Northside Park Arsonist sentenced to 57 months to 10 years

By Jordan Wilcox
Assistant Publisher

Shortly after midnight on Tuesday, September 2nd, firefighters were dispatched to Otsego's Northside Park to battle a horrific blaze. While the flames remained contained to a small 20-by-40-foot area, the park's beloved wooden play structure, known to many as "Castle Park," was unfortunately a complete loss.

Afterwards, many residents were left confused and puzzled. Once authorities began to suspect arson was involved, everyone had the same two questions: Who would do this, and why?

This led to an extensive search by the Otsego Police Department, who knew that with no witnesses or surveillance cameras at the park, determining the culprit would be a difficult task. However, a lucky break came when detectives noticed two suspects on the camera system of nearby A&E Electric.

Authorities revealed the suspects as 37-year-old Michael Kilbourn of Otsego and his nephew, whose name was withheld because he is a minor

The nephew was brought in for questioning, and about a week after the fire, Kilbourn turned himself in to the Allegan County Sheriff's Office for unrelated warrants. During the questioning, the nephew admitted to helping burn down the play structure with his uncle. He told investigators that his uncle told him they were going to "burn something," and handed him clothes to stuff in between the wooden structure, then gave him a torch to light it. He said went along with the plan because he was afraid of his uncle.

Kilbourn was uncooperative during his initial questioning but later corroborated his nephew's story.

On Monday, September 23rd, Otsego's Director of Police and Fire, Brad Misner, announced that his department had filed three charges against Kilbourn: third-degree arson, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and habitual fourth-offense. At his October 13th plea hearing, he pled guilty to third-degree arson, but the latter two charges were dropped in exchange.

A third-degree arson charge was also filed against the nephew.

Meanwhile, while the arson was being litigated,

Michael Kilbourn. UE File Photo

Kilbourn was also awaiting sentencing on three other cases in Allegan County and a trial for a case in St. Joseph County. One of the other Allegan County cases was a breaking and entering situation, which, coincidentally, Kilbourn missed his September 2nd sentencing hearing for.

Both the arson and B&E cases came to a close though, on Monday, October 27th. Judge Matthew Antkoviak sentenced Kilbourn to 57 months to 10 years in prison, not only for third-degree arson, but also for breaking and entering a building with intent, malicious destruction of property, and stolen property, all related to the B&E incident.

"Over 20 times you have had some interaction with the criminal justice system," Antkoviak said. "That suggests to the court that you are incapable of controlling your behaviors or you just simply don't care."

During the trial, Kilbourn expressed that he lit the park on fire "willingly and maliciously," but also apologized for his actions, stating, "I know what I did was wrong, and I am sorry for that. I do have a problem with the way I think, and I do need help." A main tenet of his attorney's argument was that he suffers from mental health and substance abuse issues.

Monday's sentences join a long list of prior convictions held by Kilbourn. According to the Allegan County Sheriff's Office, he has five prior felonies, including but not limited to breaking and entering, drug possession, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Northside Park reopened a few days after the incident. The City of Otsego has filed an insurance claim and hopes to rebuild the affected portion next spring.

Do you need help? Write Us!

By Mike Wilcox
Owner/Publisher

Every year, as the Christmas season draws near, I'm reminded just how generous our communities can be. For nearly two decades, Wilcox Newspapers has hosted what's become one of my favorite traditions: our Annual Christmas Wish Program.

It started simply enough. We asked readers who were struggling to write in and tell us what would make their Christmas a little brighter. The idea was to connect local families in need with local people who wanted to help. Over the years, it's grown into something truly special—and this year, we're doing it again.

Lately, I've heard from more families than ever who are struggling to make ends meet. The rising cost of everyday necessities, from groceries and gas to rent and utilities, has stretched household budgets thin. It's been a tough year for a lot of people, and many are finding themselves in need of a little extra help just to get by.

If you or your family are going through a difficult time, I encourage you to write to us and be as specific as you can. Tell us about your situation, your family, and how we might help make your holiday a little brighter. Most importantly, explain why you need our help. We prefer you email us at wilcoxnewspapers@gmail.com, but if you don't have access to a computer, you can always mail a letter to P.O. Box 189, Allegan, MI 49010.

Over the years, I've been amazed at the generosity that pours in from our readers and advertisers. One afternoon, while vacuuming our new office, I noticed an envelope on the floor. Inside were ten $100 bills—no note, no name, just a quiet act of kindness from someone who wanted to help. Another time, a donor sent $2,000. Several more gave $1,000 each. For a Scrooge like me, it's humbling to see just how deeply people here care for one another.

Last year alone, we were able to raise more than $20,000 in cash and gifts, helping over 70 families enjoy the holidays. This year, our goal is even higher. We hope to assist at least 100 families within our circulation areas.

I've always believed in the saying, "We take care of our own," and nowhere is that truer than in the communities we serve. So, if you legitimately need help this Christmas, and I stress LEGITIMATELY, please reach out to us. And if you're in a position to give, know that your generosity can change someone's holiday, and maybe their outlook on life, for the better.

Plainwell Christmas Project opens enrollment

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Plainwell Volunteer Christmas Project (PVCP) has been a staple in the community for more than 50 years, with the program helping to make the holiday season a little merrier for families in need who reside in the Plainwell School District.

And this year, the PVCP has gone "high tech," with families now able to enroll in the program online.

"(The online enrollment) makes it super easy," incoming PVCP director Julia Wilkinson said. "We also have online signups to adopt a family for anyone who wants to help out that way."

In addition to online enrollment, paper forms are still available at all Plainwell Community Schools buildings along with Plainwell City Hall, Ransom District Library and Christian Neighbors.

Participants must reside in the Plainwell School District to be eligible. Deadline for enrollment is Friday, Nov. 14.

"The need is real, this year more than ever," Wilkinson said. "But so is the kindness in this community. Every volunteer plays a part in turning stress into joy for a local family—that's what makes the Christmas Project so special."

Community members wishing to contribute to the PVCP can do so, as mentioned, by adopting a family. Other ways to helps are by donating money and/or gifts; by donating time on sorting/boxing day when the care packages are assembled; and by joining the organization's board.

Donation boxes will also be set up around Plainwell at different businesses to collect food and toys.

"We definitely were a little light last year, so let's fill them up," Wilkinson said.

Sorting day this year will take place on Friday, Dec. 19, at Plainwell High School. Pickup day is the morning of Monday, Dec. 20. Volunteers for pickup must be 18 or older.

"Our volunteers are incredible," Wilkinson said. "They show up, roll up their sleeves and make Christmas happen."

PVCP will also be holding a pair of Dine to Donate fundraisers.

The first is at the Plainwell Pizza Hut on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. The second is at the Otsego Culver's on Monday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m.

"In those cases, if families join us, the restaurant gives us part of the sales as a donation," Wilkinson said.

The program has also set up a Venmo account for donations: @plainwellchristmas.

PVCP began in 1973 when a group of like-minded individuals got together to help families in need within the Plainwell School District. The mission has remained the same ever since.

Those who want to stay up to date on future fundraisers and the PVCP in generally can do so by liking/following the organization's Facebook page.

For more information, contact plainwellchristmas@gmail.com or (269) 454-4012.

"The Christmas Project helps take some of the stress out of the season and reminds families of the joy of the season," Wilkinson said.

Volunteers prepare packages for last year's Plainwell Volunteer Christmas Project. Enrollment for PVCP is open through Friday, Nov. 14. (File photo)

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City advances Girl Scout Property development; nixes service station expansion

By Gari Voss

The Allegan City Council took no time to dig into the evening's agenda which covered zoning requests, commission reports, assignment of responsibilities, financials, and concerns of residents.

Girl Scout Property. The Allegan City Council began by reviewing two ordinance readings with the scheduling of a second reading and public hearing. The first rezoning request related to rezoning the former Girl Scouts Property that would change the Mixed Density Residential District (MDR) to Planned Unit Development District (PUD). This would enable Patrick Kapenga to move forward with creating a 38 unit mixed density residential development. A portion of the two parcels would also be developed by the Allegan Conservation District for an Outdoor Learning Lab.

Zoning Administrator Jason Derry wrote, "Based on current housing studies at local, state and national levels, as well as the Allegan County Housing Study and the City of Allegan Master Plan, it is my administrative finding that this project complies with the goals and objectives of the City of Allegan. At this time, if the Planning Commission agrees that these standards and the goals of the Master Plan are met, then a recommendation for approval of a rezoning to GSPUD and a preliminary site condominium development to City Council with the review and approval of the draft master deed by the City of Allegan Attorney."

The first public comment in response to the Girl Scout Property reminded the council that the public comments during the Planning Commission meeting objected to the development for three reasons: the increased traffic in the adjoining subdivision, the density of the development compared to the existing neighborhood, and the loss of vegetation on the upland portion of the parcels. In addition, the suggestion was made that the answer to the dwindling population problem in Allegan would not be solved with a new residential development. A second comment was in favor of the development because Allegan indeed needs housing that is affordable by the current population.

The Council approved holding the Second Reading and Public Hearing for November 10, 2025.

County Parking Lot. The second rezoning request did not fair as well. The request from Sterla Properties LLC was to rezone parcels that now hold the Village Xpress Gas Station and the County Overflow Parking Lot from Central Business District (CBD) to a General Commercial District (GC). The desire is to add gas pumps and car wash bays. The stickler comes because the overflow parking is owned by Allegan County, but it is within the City of Allegan that has a Master Plan that does not include such a development in this location.

After reviewing the request and considering a "spot zoning", Derry wrote, "It is my administrative opinion that a rezoning to GC General Commercial would not constitute a "spot zoning" situation. However, that decision must ultimately be made by the Planning Commission. I would suggest that the Planning Commission review in detail the Master Plan and the condition of the property and the surrounding properties. However, based on the two parcels' designation as CBD within the Future Land Use Map, the City's recent downtown pedestrian infrastructure upgrades, and the Master Plan's goals to promote a dense, walkable, and pedestrian-oriented downtown area, the Planning Commission may determine that these parcels do not meet the requirements to rezone and recommend as such to the Allegan City Council."

The council, consistent with the city attorney, denied the rezoning of these parcels. Sterla Properties may take back their purchase offer which would mean that the County would need to look for another buyer. The Council voiced that Dye would need to work with the County to find a buyer who would develop the parking lot in a manner that would fit the city's Master Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A food pantry representative voiced concern that the food pantries will get hammered because the SNAP funds are not going to be paid in November. The food banks know it will be difficult for local nonprofits to keep up with the demand. They are looking for donations of food and money to help meet the anticipated requests.

REPORTS

Positively Allegan. Councilmember Hooker shared that the review of the Hoot and Howl was favorable. There were more Ghost Tours added this year, and visitors enjoyed the extra activities. The 2026 Hoot and Howl will be the first weekend in October. There was a quick review of Festive Fridays which will begin with the Holiday Parade. A private donor offered to sponsor the fireworks for New Year's Eve, so there will be fireworks this year. A review of road and sidewalk repair showed progress.

Planning Commission. Councilmember Westover reviewed the Planning Commission meeting. The Commission reviewed the application for the Xpress Gas Station and County Overflow Parking Lot from Central Business District to a General Commercial District. Lori Coastello reviewed the proposed rezoning in light of the City's new Master Plan. There were two public comments in favor of the rezoning and two against. The recommendation was to deny the request. The commissioners then reviewed the rezoning proposal for the Girl Scout Property. The public hearing heard four against the change and one in favor. City Manager Joel Dye reviewed the history of attempts to develop the property. The Commissioners voted to recommend the rezoning to the City Council.

PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Director. The request to adopt Resolution 25.33 and appoint Jeff Morrie as the Streets Administrator for the City of Allegan passed. With the retirement of Doug Kadzban, Morrie will assume the DPW Director duties effective November 1, 2025. A major responsibility will be to assume the duties of a street administrator and work with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for street improvements and maintenance, traffic operations, oversight of off-street parking, and construction/repair of streetlights.

Cemetery Lawn Care. The request to approve PO 26-0840 to Cronk Services LLC in the amount of $41,700 for lawn care services at Oakwood Cemetery passed. Cronk Services holds the current contract that expires in the spring 2026. This will extend the contract for one more year of maintenance at Oakwood Cemetery.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Accounts Payable & Payroll. The request to approve accounts payable in the amount of $702,919.04 and payroll in the amount of $139,594.60 for a total disbursement of $842,513.64 passed.

2025 Revenue and Expenditure report. The request to accept the September 2025 Revenue/Expenditure Report passed. The report includes all budgeted line items for the current fiscal year.

FY2027 Budget Schedule To facilitate the budget process for the 2026 Calendar Year, City Manager Dye suggested that the Council begin with a November workshop where the Council sits around the table and discusses city needs and the Council's vision. The November workshop was set for Nov. 22, 2025. The budgeting process will continue January 23 & 24, 2026. The Department Supervisors will make their presentations on April 8th, and a Final Draft Review will occur on April 9th.

201 Race Street demolition. The current structure has numerous structural problems. The owner passed last year, and the property is in probate. The city can do code enforcement for demolition. Bid were requested and Dye suggested that the Council accept the $20,000 bid which would require a transfer from the general fund. When the city moves forward with demolition, the costs will be put on owner's taxes. It is anticipated that the taxes probably won't be paid, so the county will need to pay city. The county will put property up for sale and try to get repaid through the auction of the property. If the property is not sold for $20,000, the city will make up the difference between selling price and $20,000.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Councilmember Hooker shared the meeting that she and Councilmember Walker had at Mugshots. She suggested that council members could provide Hot Chocolate at City Hall during Festive Fridays. Walker and Hooker offered to work December 12th, and Perrigo offered to assist on December 19th. The Council will need to check with the Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce to see if they will be offering gift wrapping again this year. Santa will be at the City Hall on the third Festive Friday.

Mayor Perrigo reminded the Council that this would be her last meeting as mayor for this term. The first meeting in November requires the election of officers.

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Bazaars, markets slated for holiday season

By Gari Voss

Halloween melds into November. November signals the beginning of the holiday season, and the season is shaping up to be a wonderful time for artisans and crafters to display and sell their wares, and for shoppers to find treasures that will be gifted to family members and friends.

Taking a closer look at some of the Bazaars and Markets that will delight shoppers during November and December.

October 30 – November 1, 2025, Church Rummage Sale: First Presbyterian Church begins with a Church Rummage Sale on October 30 & 31, 2025, and November 1. Thursday and Friday, the hours are 9am-5:30pm, and Saturday sales run from 9am-2pm. They tout all types of items that are handmade or from garage and yard sales. First Presbyterian Church, 200 Cutler St., Allegan.

Sat., Nov. 1, 2025, 9am-2pm, Blessed Sacrament Annual Fall Bazaar: The annual Bazaar sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women will be filled with a variety of unique craft vendors. The ladies invite everyone to treat themselves to delicious food, beverages, and homemade sweets, including homemade pies. Shoppers can take a chance at winning basket raffles, 50/50 drawing, and explore hidden treasures at the Treasures & Trivia Flea Market. Blessed Sacrament Church, 110 N. Cedar St., Allegan

Sat., Nov. 1, 2025, Noon-4pm, Annual Fall Craft & Vendor Show: An extension of Allegan Heroes Variety Show fundraiser, the Craft & Vendor Show invites all to get a jump start on holiday shopping, learn about Allegan Heroes and how to get involved. Be sure to check out the Silent Auction full of items from local businesses. Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard St., Allegan.

Sat., Nov. 1, 2025, 6pm, Allegan Heroes Variety Show: The talents of area performers will fill the Griswold Auditorium with a focus on the U.S. Armed Services and fun. The doors open at 5:30pm, and though there is no ticket price, the Allegan Heroes coordinators ask that those in attendance make donations. All proceeds go to support local veterans and active service members who will receive care packages. Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard St., Allegan.

Sat., Nov. 1, 2025, Noon-6:30pm, Modales Winery Fall Artisan Market: The hosts invite all to celebrate the season with local artisan goods and exceptional wine at Modales Winery! The cozy Fall Artisan Market showcases the unique, handcrafted creations, perfect for gift-giving. Wander through the indoor patio and barrel barn with a glass of wine in hand, and discover one-of-a-kind treasures. The featured food truck is Cousins Maine Lobster with their famous lobster rolls along with their lobster bisque and New England clam chowder. Modales Winery, 2128 62nd St, Fennville, MI.

Fri., Nov. 7, 2025, 5-8pm, Ladies Night Market at the Farm: Join a fun filled evening with live music for the ladies to jumpstart Holiday shopping from an array of local crafters selling unique handmade gifts and treats for all ages. Heaters and a warm fire will be outside. A soup supper meal will be available along with Brookside donuts and other baked goods to eat or for resale. Brookside Farms, 1475 116 Ave. (M-222), Otsego.

Fri., Nov. 21, 2025, 5-8pm, Savor the Season, Ladies Night: Harvest & Home is thrilled to host their Second Annual Ladies Night — a beautiful evening filled with shopping, tasting, live music and celebrating the joy of Christmas. Vendors are welcome to reserve a table. Harvest & Home, 103 W. Allegan St., Otsego. To sell, message them on Facebook.

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 9am-2pm, Fall Bazaar on Candy Cane Lane: Shop for holiday items, cookies, baked & canned goods, games, puzzles, crafts & surprises, and enjoy a Soup Lunch for 11:30am-1:30pm. First Congregational Church, 323 Cutler St., Allegan.

Fri., Nov. 28, 2025, 5-8pm, Crane's Handmade Holiday Market: All can shop for gifts from local artisans plus enjoy cookie decorating and crafts for kids along with visits with Santa. Explore the incredible talents of local artists, from handcrafted jewelry to unique home decor, Christmas ornaments, custom laser goods, porch pots, wreaths, and much more.

Fri., Nov. 28, 2025, 6-10pm, Drive Through Lightshow: Load a car and drive through Crane Orchards Lightshow from 6-10PM on their opening day. Hundreds of handmade props & thousands of lights illuminate over a mile of their orchard throughout their magical drive-thru holiday lightshow! Crane's Pie Pantry, Restaurant & Winery, 6054 124th Ave, Fennville, MI.

Sat., Nov. 29, 2025, 10am-6pm, Small Business Saturday: Get rid of the Black Friday Blues and shop local. Shops in all of the Allegan area will be having wonderful sales with special activities.

Thurs., Dec. 4 – Sun., Dec. 7, 2025, Festival of Trees: Camp Kidwell with host their Festival of Trees. All are welcome to wander the camp cabins and lodge to admire and bid on trees, wreaths and a variety of holiday décor. Thurs., Noon-8pm – Kickoff Celebration; Fri., Noon-9pm – Soup & Sandwiches; Sat., 10am-3pm – Cookies with Mrs. Claus then 6pm – ticketed dinner & auction; Sun., 11am-4pm – Last Chance to visit, look and bid. They also welcome individuals and groups who would like to decorate trees and wreaths for auction. Camp Kidwell, 39000 1st Ave., Bloomingdale, 269 521-3559.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 9am-1pm, Santa Shop: The Episcopal Church Women hold their annual sale with all items below $1. Gifts are available for children through adults. All are invited to shop and receive free gift wrapping. Good Shepherd Church, 101 N. Walnut St., Allegan.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 9am-3pm, Christmas Market at the Manor: Come shop with local artists, crafters, and vendors throughout the decorated Manor! It is the perfect time to shop for those last minute Christmas gifts, or something for yourself. Bring the kids as Santa plans to be there too! Robinson Manor, 701 Marshall St., Allegan.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 2-4:30pm, Christmas Photo Session: Join Lucy Fraaza for a photo session at Wahmhoff Christmas Tree Farm. It's that magical time of year, so families, couples, kids, or pups can come out to the beautiful Wahmhoff Christmas Tree Farm for a cozy, festive photo session — perfect for Christmas cards, holiday gifts, or just capturing sweet winter memories. Wahmhoff Nursery 22330 M-40, Gobles, MI 49055, (269) 628-4308.

Fri., Dec. 12, 2025, 3-8pm, 2025 Christmas Market: The First Presbyterian Church will host their Christmas Market to highlight the Allegan Festive Friday Art Hop. Artisans and Crafters are welcome to reserve a table by calling 269 993-7678. First Presbyterian Church, 200 Cutler St., Allegan.

Sat., Dec. 13, 2025, 11am-5pm, Fenn Valley Vineyards Annual Sip & Shop, Artisan & Craft Market: Experience shopping for the perfect, one-of-a-kind gift for family, friends, neighbors—or that special someone. Available are Handcrafted Gifts, Festive Finds, and Seasonal Delights. The host invite all to grab a glass of your favorite wine and explore a beautifully curated selection of artisan goods in a cozy, holiday setting. It's the perfect way to kick off the season!

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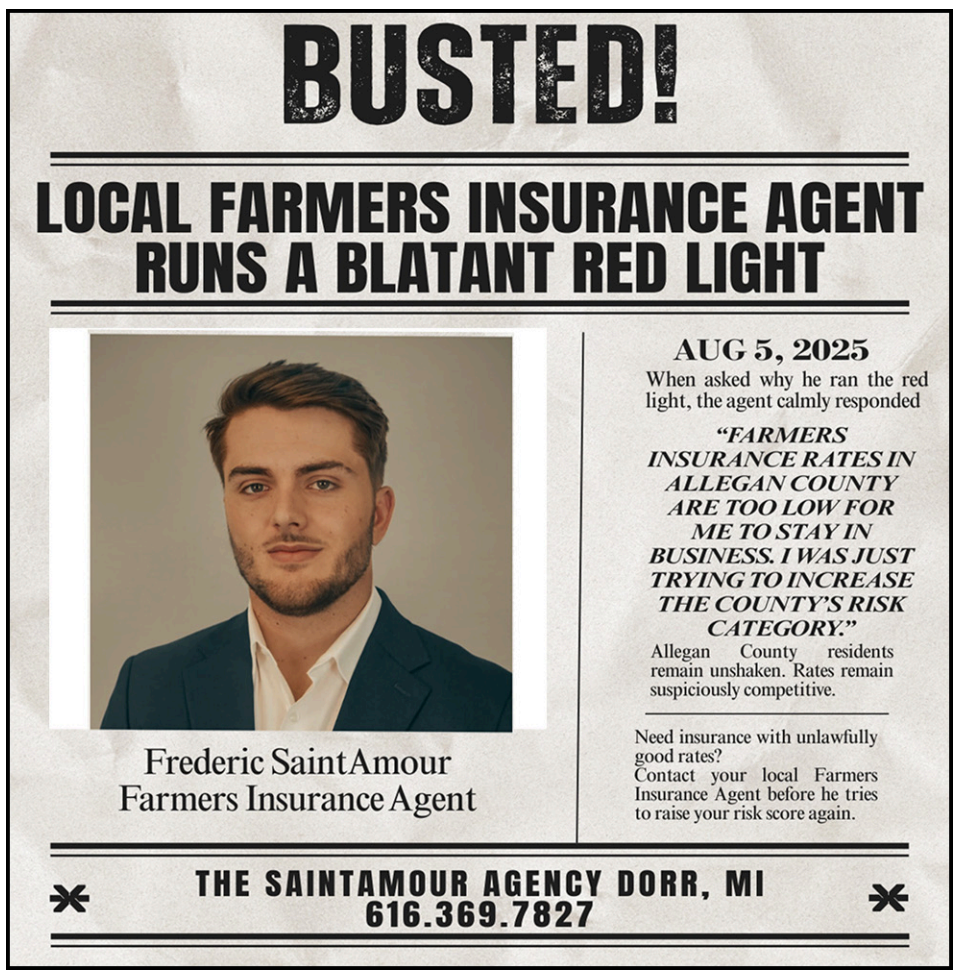
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Community Calendar - Week of October 27, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Soup-tober ends Oct. 31st. Donate cans of soup to ACCF on Locust St. or another collection site. Info at https://alleganfoundation.org/

Thurs., Oct. 30-Sat., Nov. 1, 2025: Bazaar
Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan

Fri., Oct. 31, 2025, 3-5:30pm: Downtown Trick-or-Treating
Downtown Allegan businesses will be open to Trick-or-Treaters. Come in your best costumes!

Fri., Oct. 31, 2025, 5-7pm: Trunk or Treat
Allegan Bible Church 412 Sherman St. Allegan

Fri., Oct. 31, 2025, 5-7pm: Trunk or Treat
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Fri., Oct. 31, 2025, 6-close: Tantrick Costume Party
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan

Fri., Oct. 31 – Nov. 1, 2025, 8:30pm-6am: Robinson Manor Halloween Overnight Investigation
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Sat., Nov. 1, 2025, 7pm: Melonhead Games
Allegan Game Forest

Mon., Nov. 3, 2025: Abraham Lincoln
4:30-6pm: light soup supper
6-8pm: Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation
Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Oct. 29, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan

10am: Play Café – Caregivers of 0-7 year olds, stop into the library for a cup of coffee and conversation while your little ones have fun at our Play-Doh station, coloring station, toy area, and craft zone.

6pm: Al Capone's Playground - In the aftermath of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in 1929, escaped suspect Fred "Killer" Burke was the most wanted man in the nation. Using never-before-published police reports, interviews with family members of key witnesses, and information from leading experts, historian Chriss Lyon. Register at 269 673-4625.

Wed., Oct. 29, 2025, 1-2:30pm: Calligraphy Class Registration
Bellflower (Schoolhouse) 4700 D Ave. Kalamazoo
Register before Aug. 28 for 6 sessions – Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Cost of materials is $55. For more information email Dr. Bob Hosack at rlhosack967@gmail.com or call 269 349-7980.

Thurs., Oct. 30, 2025, 9am-5:30pm: Church Rummage Sale
Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Multiple garage and rummage sale items and more.

Thurs., Oct. 30, 2025, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan
3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.

Thurs., Oct. 30, 2025, 6:30-9pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
No numbers, just music… Mark your card for a chance to win prizes.

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Fri., Oct. 31, 2025, 5-7pm: Trunk or Treat
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
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Sat., Nov. 1, 2025, 9am-2pm: Blessed Sacrament Annual Fall Bazaar
Blessed Sacrament Church, 110 N. Cedar St., Allegan
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Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
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Sat., Nov. 1, 2025, 6pm: Allegan Heroes Variety Show
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Mon., Nov. 3, 2025, 6pm: Grief Support Groups
Wings of Hope Office 550 Linn St. Allegan
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Mon., Nov. 3, 2025: Abraham Lincoln
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6-8pm: Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation
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Thurs., Nov. 6, 2025, 11:30am-1pm: Multi-Chamber Women's Event
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Fri., Nov. 7, 2025, 10:30am-noon: Come to the Table sharing session
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Fri., Nov. 7, & Sat., Nov. 8, 2025, 6pm: Murder at the Country Fair
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Trowbridge Dam dredging closer to completion

By Gari Voss

The work upriver of the Trowbridge Dam is getting closer to completing Phase I of extracting the PCB laden sediment from the Kalamazoo River. The process has been long and arduous, but those living along 108th Avenue and 26th Street are seeing the efforts of GEI Consultants, J.F. Brennan Company, and Milbocker & Sons. What was a single layer of sediment-laden geotextile tubes in May is now a mountain of bags. The mechanical dredging that was occurring near the old dam has now moved upriver and will soon meet up with the hydraulic machine (the Michael B.) that had been working its way down from the Pine Creek/Bittersweet area.

By mid-April, thanks to Milbocker & Sons, the staging area on the east side of 26th Street was ready. By mid-May, dredging had begun sending tons of slurry down the pipes, under the bridge and across the fields to the SPA (sediment processing area) on the west side of 26th St.

Now in Mid-October, about 75% of Phase I Dredging is complete, which equates to about 270,000 cubic yards of sediment which is bagged and being readied for transport to landfills.

"That is a wonderful sight," stated Brian Kelly, the EPA On-Scene Coordinator. "That means PCBs are no longer in the river, which is the whole point of this project."

An overview of the river's map denotes the progress of what has been dredged and cleared. Each cell is dredged then the samples are tested to make sure the contamination has been removed. Green indicates dredging and cleared. The blue has been dredged but sample testing is in process. The hot pink areas need to be dredged.

"Some of the cells are dredged and sampled," explained Kelly. "But we might need to go another six inches before it is cleared. Some cells are cleared on the first pass, and some are cleared on the second pass."

The depth of each pass varies. Before the start of dredging, teams had taken numerous samples in each cell to determine how deep the contamination was. The pre-design investigations found out where the layer of PCBs is located. The PCBs were deposited in the 50s and 60s when the paper mills were in operation. Over the years, uncontaminated sediment settled over the contaminated materials. Kelly explained that some of the contamination may be 8 or 9 feet down, so they take all the sediment above plus the contaminated layer. They continue taking and testing samples to ensure that the dredging has gone deep enough.

The mechanical dredging that concentrated on the cells closer to the dam removed sediment that contained more than 50 parts per million PCBs. Kelly added that the mechanical job has almost been accomplished at this point. The Michael B hydraulic removal has focused on the sediment that contains less than 50 and will continue until all cells are cleared.

There is a patch of land behind the dam that is called Beaver Island. Someone thought it looked like a beaver, but what is important to note is that this patch has less contamination than the other areas behind the dam.

"The thing to remember is that it is beginning to get cold now," stated Kelly. "It depends upon what Mother Nature does to determine if Phase I will be completed this year, or if Brennan crews need to come back in the spring and finish the dredging before beginning into Phase II which is digging the Pilot Channel and remediating the shoreline banks."

Dan Capone, who works for Mannik & Smith that the EPA hired to assist with oversight of the project, concurred, "We are not going to hurry the process just to be finished. Each cell must be cleared properly."

Estimated, it will take another six weeks to properly clear the last of the cells. That would mean into December.

"The sediment is taken to the water treatment area, and the water treatment is the issue," explained Kelly. "We don't want the water to freeze up in the system because we won't be able to process it. As of today, they have treated 526 million gallons of runoff water from the geotubes and sent it back into the Kalamazoo River."

The slurry that is created during dredging is about 85% water and 15% sediment. It runs through tubes to the SPA where it can be put through a sand wheel to remove coarse materials. The slurry can then enter the geotextile tubes where the water must weep out of the tubes into the sump pool. This is a huge "swimming pool" lined with 40 ML high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner.

"The water drained from the tubes goes into the sump pool. It is mixed with ferric chloride to which particles adhere and fall to the bottom. This assists in the cleanup process as the treated water is taken into the purification tanks," clarifies Kelly. "The water is tested numerous times before going through a three-stage process and is sampled regularly. If it comes out clear, it is moved back into the river."

An examination of the SPA activity reveals that the greater than 50 parts PCB geobags along the south side of the SPA were dry enough to open, load on trailers, and haul to the Republic Landfill in Van Buren Township that is licensed to take PCBs, hazardous, and radioactive waste. But even that drier PCB-laden sediment must undergo another step.

"The loose material is mixed with Portland cement," shared Kelly. "When you put the sediment in the landfill, the cement keeps the material from moving around. You can even drive over it, and it stays compact."

"The landfill meets all licensing requirements," added Capone. "It is double lined and has all the monitoring requirements."

"The state must have a plan to manage all hazardous waste," explained Kelly. "And Michigan has very few hazardous waste facilities."

The north side of the SPA is currently a mountain of geotubes and getting longer. Next to the sand wheel is a mountain of sand. Kelly and Capone shared that it was hoped that the sand would be clean enough to use in a variety of ways, but 1 out of 5 samples was over the required PCB allowance, so the entire mountain will be moved to an approved landfill.

In Spring 2026, contractors hired by NCR Voyix—either the same group or a different one depending on the bidding process— will begin digging the Pilot Channel. "There was an investigation to determine where the river was before the dam was built," pointed out Kelly. "This was the natural channel that does not have contamination. But the sediment in the current river could potentially erode when the dam comes out. So, by establishing the Pilot Channel, this will (A.) remove potentially erodible sediment, and (B.) leave a more stable channel with a more natural flow."

In 2026, the contractors will return and construct a water control structure near the current dam so the dam can be removed. In addition, they will dig the pilot channel and begin bank work upstream to remove the PCBs. Kelly clarified that the PCBs were not removed from embankments because the water level had to be lowered. The water level will be lowered and controlled by use of the water control structure. Then a curtain made of poly material will be utilized to prevent bank materials from falling into the river.

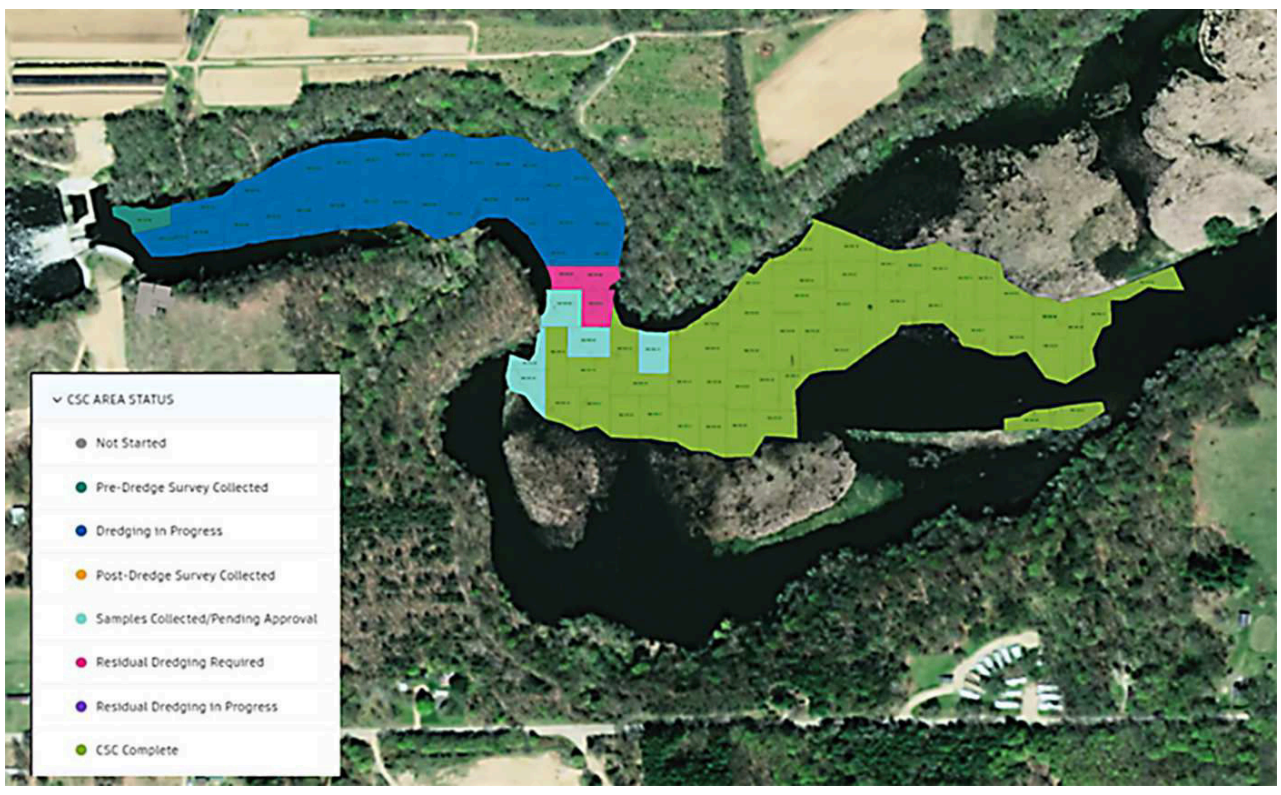
Once Phase II is complete, the river can be turned over to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). As with the areas around the dams that have been removed upstream, the area will be returned to its natural state using natural constructs, along with native grasses and trees.

Back at the SPA, the contractors will finish opening and hauling the contents of the geotubes and sand hill, removing the layers of high-density polyethylene liner that have protected the ground from the processes above, and returning the acreage back to its original state.

What took years to contaminate will take years to clean with the assistance of invaluable players.

"NCR Voyix is the company that produced carbonless copy paper, which is the source of the PCBs," began Kelly. "NCR Voyix signed a consent decree with the EPA to do the cleanup. NCR Voyix hired GEI [to provide geotechnical, environmental, and water resources services throughout the project], and GEI subsequently contracted Brennan to dredge the sediments. [In the process], the EPA contracted with TetraTech and Mannik & Smith to assist with oversight of the cleanup process."

When the Trowbridge Dam project is cleared of PCBs, the DNR will play their part, and the area will be turned back to Allegan County and Trowbridge Township to determine what amenities can be added to delight the outdoor enthusiasts and those who love to play, fish and hunt along the Kalamazoo River.



Mechanical dredging began behind the Trowbridge Dam (blue) and has worked upstream to take out the sediment that often held greater than 50 million parts of PCBs. The hydraulic dredging (green) has been accomplished by the Michael B and began in the Pine Creek/Bittersweet area. If the weather holds, Brennan hopes to complete Phase I dredging by December. If the weather turns, dredging will be completed in spring 2026 before Phase II begins. Map courtesy of the EPA & Brennan

Looking upstream from the 26th St. bridge, the barge with mechanical dredging machinery has worked its way from behand Trowbridge Dam upstream to remove the sediment containing greater than 50 parts PCBs. Photo: G. Voss

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Lawmakers shouldn't receive pay during shutdown

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

One of the consequences of a government shutdown should be that those legislators responsible for the shutdown should not receive their regular pay. In my mind they are just as much part of the government as the hundreds of thousand government workers not receiving pay as well as millions of constituents who will soon face the reality that they must conduct everyday life without SNAP benefits.

National parks close, veterans' services slow, and ordinary citizens are forced to shoulder the burden of political stalemate. Yet one group always seems immune to the pain they help create—members of Congress.

That reality has never sat well with the American people, and for good reason. If lawmakers' inaction or stubbornness leads to a shutdown, they shouldn't be rewarded with continued pay. The moral, practical, and symbolic reasons to deny Congress its pay during shutdowns are overwhelming.

First, there's the basic principle of fairness. Federal employees—from park rangers to air traffic controllers—don't have the luxury of collecting salaries during shutdowns, even though they have no power to end the impasse. It's galling to see members of Congress, many of whom are millionaires, continue receiving their $174,000 annual salaries while workers earning a fraction of that are told to stay home. If Congress is responsible for the gridlock, its members should feel the same pressure to resolve it as the people they're holding hostage to their political games.

I saw a TV clip of a congressman saying he couldn't afford to delay or skip his pay. He felt bad for federal workers who were forced to go without pay, but he was not about to join them. After all, he said I have a mortgage and other expenses to pay. I simply thought, how clueless could this representative be? Isn't that exactly what thousands of federal workers are facing?

Second, denying pay during shutdowns would create much-needed accountability. Too often, lawmakers treat shutdowns as political theater—an opportunity to grandstand, blame the other side, and rally their base. But if every day of gridlock meant lost income for them personally, incentives would shift. Suddenly, compromise wouldn't seem like weakness; it would be fiscal survival. For all the speeches about fiscal responsibility, perhaps nothing would drive home the need for responsible governance more effectively than lawmakers feeling the consequences in their own wallets. I bet my measly salary that if lawmakers were docked pay, there would be no shutdown.

Third, continuing to pay Congress during shutdowns erodes public trust in government. Every shutdown is a reminder of Washington's dysfunction, but the optics of elected officials collecting paychecks while essential workers go unpaid make it worse. Americans are already skeptical about whether their leaders understand the struggles of ordinary people. Watching politicians remain comfortable while others suffer deepens cynicism and disengagement. Restoring trust requires more than talk—it requires sacrifice and solidarity.

Some defenders of congressional pay during shutdowns (I can't imagine who would defend such a blatant disregard of public trust) argue that the Constitution mandates it. They point to the 27th Amendment, which prevents changes to congressional compensation from taking effect until after the next election. While that's true, the law doesn't prevent Congress from voluntarily withholding or deferring its pay during a shutdown. Lawmakers could easily pass legislation that withholds pay until the government reopens—without technically changing their salary. What's lacking isn't legal authority, but political will.

If members of Congress truly believe in public service, they should lead by example. During shutdowns, they should forgo their pay voluntarily, and they should codify that standard into law for future sessions. Public service means sharing the hardships of the people you represent, not standing apart from them.

A government shutdown is a symptom of a deeper disease—polarization, dysfunction, and a lack of accountability. Ending congressional pay during shutdowns won't fix those problems overnight, but it's a start. It's a way to realign incentives, restore fairness, and remind lawmakers that their first duty is to the nation, not to their own comfort.

If Congress can't keep the lights on, it shouldn't keep collecting a paycheck. It's that simple.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

I have a niche genre of movies that make me happy. The basic plot is the main character sees others around him or her living in the shadowlands, takes action, faces challenges and drama, then the magic happens.

One of the first ones I watched was 1951's "Mr. Belvedere Rings the Bell." Clifton Webb plays the hero, had been giving lectures on how to live well even if someone was in their 80s.

One night he overhears residents at an impoverished retirement home talk about their ailments and boredom. In no time he becomes their resident anarchist, starting when he has the local pharmacist make placebo pills out of sugar.

Belvedere tells the residents it is a rare medicine from Tibet that reverses aging, and they believe him. Then comes the challenge and drama part, then the magic happens.

A second movie is 1995's "Cold Comfort Farm." Flora Poste's parents die, she has little money and realizes she needs to make her own way in life.

Other relatives are not interested in her, so she goes to live with distant cousins at Cold Comfort Farm in the village of Howling, Sussex, England. It does not take her long to realize that all of them have emotional problems because of their repressed lives.

One cousin is the lay preacher at a local church, but always wanted to be a traveling evangelist. Another one wanted to be an actor.

Another woman is the embodiment of self-martyrdom and gloom. Another wanted to marry her childhood crush, and the toughest nut-case of all, Aunt Ada Doom, keeps repeating, "I saw something nasty in the woodshed."

So Flora goes to work. Cue the challenges, drama then magic happening. The preacher is invited to lead an evangelistic tour in America, a Hollywood director discovers the next box office sensation, the cousin is hooked up with a psychologist and she finally has some morbid fun.

There is a wedding and Aunt Ada puts on a frock and announces she is going to Paris. In the final scene, Flora runs across a farm field into the arms of a dashing newly-minted Anglican priest, who just happens to own his own biplane.

The third, 2019's "Poms," stars the late Diane Keaton as a New Yorker with terminal cancer who moves to a retirement community in Florida. She is lonely, bored and dying.

It's a nice enough community, but repressive with its endless rules and persistent snooper-vision from the administrators.

One of the heroine's new friends discovers she was once a cheerleader who can still fit into her uniform. They ask her to organize a cheerleading squad to qualify for a national competition.

Time for the challenge and drama in the form of administrators who forbid it. The pom-pom girls outmaneuver them, escape the repressive compound and compete. Even though their leader dies, she has given them a new lease on life.

I appreciate the theme of these films because all of us have that little spark flickering in our hearts and souls that want to burst into a full flame of fun. Sometimes money, other responsibilities or health get in the way, but the hopes for fun and escape remain.

Some people in our lives who listen to our dreams and fantasies, then deflate us saying, "I don't think you want to do that." What they really mean is, "I don't want to do something like that, therefore I don't think you should." Sometimes they are right, of course.

As a youngster I always wanted to make fireworks. My best friend and I spent long afternoons at the library, reading and studying chemical formulary to learn how to make the colors, gunpowder, design mortars and rockets.

From there, we went straight to Woolworths to buy supplies, but her mother and my parents put a stop to that, and we were banned from the reference room of the library.

(Now I can find all that out online, although I probably don't want to do it because the ATF, NSA, Homeland Security, FBI and a few other federal groups wouldn't share my enthusiasm.)

The Olds won that one, but I didn't let them in on the secret that I had bought a set of bagpipes and was secretly practicing in the basement of the museum.

I slipped up when Father saw a letter addressed to Roy Acuff, care of the Grand Old Opry, and wanted me to explain what I was doing. I told him I could play his theme song "The Wabash Cannon Ball" on the bagpipes.

Sure enough, the first words out of the Old Boy's mouth were, "You don't want to do that."

My sister was worse. She stuttered and stammered and finally wailed, "Roy Acuff? No! That's hillbilly music! Don't you care what my friend will say if they find out? My social life will be ruined!"

They didn't need to worry. My letter must have got lost in the mail because I never heard from Acuff. I quit waiting after learning he died in1992.

Still, we have to deal with people who want to spoil our fun with their cautious, "I don't think you want to do that," cold water thrown on us.

The other thing that stops us from cutting loose and having fun is the question, "What would people say?" or the dire warning, "People will talk."

That is what Michael Caine, in the role of Bernard Jordan, ran into in his final film during his final film, 2023's "The Great Escaper."

He and his wife, played by Glenda Jackson, are in their 90s and living in a retirement home when he wants to join long-ago army mates in France on the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

The challenge and drama come from the commandant of the nursing home, who puts his foot down despite the support of his wife. The magic happens when he kisses her goodbye and goes over the wall in the middle of the night. The alarm is sounded when they discover his escape, but they are too late. He's already on a boat going to Normandy.

The administrators worry about what people will say when they learn the news, also too late. People talk, the media finds out and the couple takes home a nice paycheck because of it.

Worried that someone might talk or disapprove of you finally settling down to write poems or paint pictures? Concerned what others might say if you start learning how to play the flugelhorn or double-belled euphonium? Or, like President George H.W. Bush, go skydiving on your 90th birthday?

Well, let people talk. If you like vintage clothing and want to dress like the Boardwalk gangsters in the 1930s, or put on your shiniest flapper dress and learn the Charleston, then go for it. And while the Olds tut-tut away, you get to have the time of your life singing, "Old King Tut, Tut, Tut" along with Eddie Cantor as you do the shimmy-shake.

If you have the money, go on the safari that you read about as a child. Take up a new hobby. Build your own telescope. Get a shortwave radio license and talk to people around the world.

Now we are the latest Olds, it's our turn to shake things up. My Aunt Toxic amused us demonstrating the Charleston from when she was a young woman; we can show the kids how the twist is really done, and send them running for the hills with a ukulele as we sing in a falsetto "Tiptoe Through the Tulips."

Just go have fun. Stir things up, be eccentric, scandalize the Olds, your children and grands, fellow church members and anyone else who looks like they were weaned on a pickle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Free up money to pay military

Editor,

I am writing to add my voice to the chorus advising Trump that whatever happens he needs to free up the money to pay the military especially those in the National Guard who he uprooted from their jobs and sent to cities hundreds of miles from their homes just in time for the holidays.

Even the dumbest dictator, a title for which he is a strong contender, knows that without the support of the military ones time on the throne can be extremely limited.

Although in that there is hope.

Dave Ohmart

Vote yes on Continuing Resolution

Dear Editor:

As the ongoing Senator Schumer government shutdown continues to drag on, it is time for our Michigan Senators to open the government by voting YES on the clean Continuing Resolution.

Senator Schumer has stated that the more pain Americans feel in the government shutdown, the better for his party. The object is to inflict ever greater pain to get a result. Senator Schumer, isn't that another way of saying torture Americans to get your bill passed?

The cost of Senator Schumer's plan to reopen the government is 1.5 trillion dollars. Let me type this another way to make it clear er. $1,500,000,000,00 0.00. Not being in Congress, I cannot fathom how much money this is. In his bill, there is no plan to pay for this. No new tax on the rich. No new tax on corporations. All this money is to be borrowed. This will add to the already ginormous federal debt. This will increase inflation. That alone is reason to reject Senator Schumer's bill.

Most of the provisions in Senator Schumer's bill is nothing but pure government pork to benefit a wide range of Democrat Party priorities and not America's priorities. Yes, in this is free health care for those here illegally. Free health care is something not even available to our Veterans.

I respectfully ask our Michigan Senators, Senator Peters and Senator Slotkin to vote NO on Senator Schumer's pork filled inflationary spending bill. Vote YES on the Clean CR to reopen the government. Vote YES on the Clean CR to stop the torture of us Michiganders!

William A. Geresy
Gun Plain Charter Township

Book review: Joyride

You've got the pedal to the metal.

Ninety miles an hour, that's how you live your life. Zooming here, careening around corners, racing to the next deadline, the next milestone, the next goal. Once in awhile, you run out of fuel, but it's back on the road tomorrow and you can't imagine living any other way. As in the new memoir **"Joyride" by Susan Orlean,** it's been a wild journey.

For much of her life, Susan Orlean has been "lucky."

She was born at a good time in history and had the benefit of privileges. Though her parents constantly sniped at one another, they were supportive of Orlean and encouraged her natural curiosity. Her father pressed her to become a lawyer, but Orlean knew early-on that she only wanted to be a writer.

It ended up being the only job she's had for nearly fifty years.

Orlean started with a gap-year position in Portland, where she discovered that she had a deep interest in diving into subjects that few people knew about, hidden places and cultures, small corners of society, and quiet heroes. She talked her way into stories that generous editors allowed her to follow, and she learned how to be a better writer.

Eventually, her talents took her to New York City, where she worked for *The New Yorker* magazine, with editors who nurtured her career further, allowed more travel for research, and encouraged Orlean to be the storyteller she wanted to be. Her first book was optioned for a movie. She was trying to stop a coming divorce then, thinking about motherhood, while birthing a second book, which also became a movie.

Her third book came after her second marriage and her son's entry into the world.

Yes, throughout her life, luck has been a big feature, says Orlean.

"Little scratches on a page... delivering knowledge and emotion and mystery – it's astonishing." she says. "To make those little scratches on the page for a living is a miracle."

So you always wanted to be a writer. You've taken classes, dabbled with words on paper, maybe even won a contest or two. Things like this haven't been easy, have they? But they sure are fun, as you'll see inside "Joyride."

If you've ever wondered about the life of a writer-author, then let Susan Orlean fill you in. Her story – one that's common and unique at the same time – takes readers from the late 1970s to recently, from alt-weekly newspapers to slick fashion magazines to Hollywood. The journey is shared in a breezy, charming, and sometimes self-effacing and offhand manner, name-dropping with no fuss, honest ups and downs front-and-center. It's fun to read, and aspiring writers will be awed at this life, while readers and neophyte scribes will find much here to dream about.

This is a great memoir for nontraditional authors, for newbie writers, Orlean's fans, readers with a lifelong passion, and for anyone who wants a top-down, wind-in-your-hair memoir despite the occasional bumps in the road. Find "Joyride" soon – and then buckle up.

All the books the Bookworm reviews here are available at the sponsor of this column:

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Allegan appoints Clark to council seat

By Gari Voss

During a special meeting on Tuesday, October 21, the six members of the Allegan City Council interviewed 7 applicants who wished to fill the current vacancy. After the interviews, the council members did a ranking of the interviewee. Charles Clark II came to the top with the lowest number.

When first congratulated on entering the world of the Allegan City Council, Clark responded, "Thank you for your kind words and support. I look forward to understanding the role better and doing my best to represent the city in a professional and thoughtful way."

Clark kindly shared a bit of his background, "I have been civically minded for over 30 years. I have been President of three different HOAs (Homeowners Association) in Houston, Texas and wrote, produced and published 10 or more page newsletters each month with each of them. Additionally with my last HOA, I was the liaison to the City of Houston in the Super Neighborhoods program for several years.

Charles Clark II

"In 2000, I started with the Harris County Clerk's Office by doing data integrity testing on the new eSlate voting equipment. It led to an administrative role in the Election Department overseeing Early Voting.

"Over the years, I have worked in Real Property, working with deeds, plats, liens, etc. I worked in I.T. in mainframe management and became the Data Sales Supervisor overseeing the distribution of data and standardized the email responses for the main emails of the office. I was the Education and Logistics Coordinator for the Election Department and trained thousands of poll workers for each election before becoming Special Projects Coordinator.

"I have worked for 5 different County Clerks in Harris County, Texas, and while I was never an elected official, I knew of the commitment, accessibility and discretion needed for such a role. After a divorce and retirement from that office, I moved to SW Michigan and fell in love with Allegan.

"I've been a big cheerleader of the city and now am proud to be working at Beacon Allegan General Hospital, serving the community in a different role.

"I'm a very social person and approachable, so if you see me around town, say hi and let's get the conversation going."

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

At 2 AM on Sunday the 2nd of November, we end Daylight Saving Time and revert back to Standard time as we turn our clocks back one hour. What are your thoughts about this semi-annual changing of the clocks?

-Man at the farm market on M-89. "Yeah, I know. I heard. The day I moved them ahead she marked the calendar for me to change them back. She's been reminding me about it for a week. That and to get new batteries for the smoke detectors."

-Woman overhearing the conversation: "Well, changing the batteries is important. It's against the law to occupy a house that doesn't have working smoke detectors!"

-Couple near the Fennville hardware store. Man with a sarcastic voice: "Yeah, we've been talking about it a lot. Top of the list. Real important stuff," Woman: "You won't think it's so stupid if you forget and get to church an hour early."

-Woman near the Allegan County Library: "Why we have to do it is something I can't figure out. The government ought to leave this alone. I think they got more important things to do than this."

-Woman with her: "They did it for the war effort in 1917."

-First Woman; "Well, that war's been over for a while so maybe there's something better for the government to do than mess with people's clocks."

-Man near the Old Jail museum: "C'mon fellow, it's no big deal. I don't see what people are making such a fuss about it."

-Man near the Allegan Post Office: 'I made a deal with my wife that I'd change all the clocks in the house if she changed them in our two cars. Then I paid my son to change the clocks in the house. The whole job was done for two dollars."

-Man, over-hearing us, same location. "This aint no big deal. Twice a year you change the time. A couple of years ago the wife wanted to know why I didn't do the clocks in the kitchen. You know, the stove and microwave. I told her she wanted me to keep my paws off her appliances, so I let her do it."

-Woman near Minnie's. "You'd think after a lifetime of tinkering with cars my husband could change the clocks. But noooooooo… for weeks we drive around with the wrong time. Last spring he said he wasn't going to do his truck because he'd just have to change them back in November."

-Older couple, same location. Woman: "The one thing I don't let him do is get up on a ladder to change the batteries in the smoke detector. I don't want him going up and down them anymore, so the grandson comes over." Man started to object, and she said, "just shut your mouth and be smart and safe."

-Man near the Huntington Bank. "The one thing I don't like is trying to get those clocks back on the wall. All of 'em have got these little holes in the back to hold up the clock, and if I don't get it right the first time I got to pull the nail back out and try again. And she still fusses I didn't get them put back straight."

CORRECTION

Correction regarding AAESA Early Childhood Funds
To correct misconceptions regarding the Great Start Collaborative Funds that will no longer be available to the Allegan Area Education Service Agency (AAESA). This will not affect the 4-year old programs that are available in the public schools. It will affect the coordination and support of programs and services for parents of younger children.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Tips for a fun and safe Halloween

As Halloween approaches, families and communities prepare for an evening of costumes, candy, and neighborhood fun. While the holiday is a favorite for children and adults alike, safety should always remain a top priority. With a few precautions and some preparation, everyone can enjoy the festivities while staying out of harm's way.

Visibility is one of the most important factors for trick-or-treaters. Costumes should be made with bright or reflective materials to ensure children can be easily seen by drivers after dark. Adding glow sticks, reflective tape, or carrying flashlights can help illuminate sidewalks and make young participants stand out in low light. Masks that obstruct vision should be avoided when possible, and face paint can serve as a safer alternative.

Traveling in groups is another key safety practice. Children should always trick-or-treat with parents or trusted adults, and older kids who go out alone should stick to familiar, well-lit neighborhoods. Establishing a route in advance helps parents know where their children will be and when to expect them home. Carrying a cell phone for emergencies is also recommended.

Pedestrian awareness remains crucial on Halloween night. Trick-or-treaters should use sidewalks when available, cross only at intersections, and avoid running between parked cars. Drivers are urged to stay alert, slow down in residential areas, and be prepared for excited children who may dart into the street unexpectedly.

Homeowners can do their part by keeping walkways clear of obstacles such as decorations, cords, or wet leaves that might cause trips and falls. Well-lit porches not only make homes more welcoming to visitors but also improve safety. Pet owners should secure animals indoors to prevent accidents or unwanted scares.

Candy safety remains an essential post-Halloween ritual. Parents are encouraged to inspect all treats before allowing children to eat them, discarding any items that are unwrapped or appear suspicious. Younger children should be reminded not to eat anything until an adult has checked it.

For those attending parties or community events, moderation and awareness are equally important. Adults who plan to drink should arrange for safe transportation, and hosts are urged to ensure guests have a way to get home safely.

With careful planning and attention to safety, Halloween can remain the fun, imaginative night it's meant to be. A few extra steps can help ensure the only surprises are friendly ones at the door.

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Rivals meet on the gridiron

The most recent edition of the annual gridiron showdown between longstanding rivals Otsego and Plainwell took place at Streidl Field on Friday, Oct. 24. And it was the Bulldogs who came out on top, with sophomore quarterback Blake Mathieu passing for four touchdowns and senior running back Lane Blanchard running for two more. For full story, see Page B1. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Plainwell Council to take action

By John Raffel
Correspondent

The Plainwell City Council was set to take action on an On-Premises Tasting Permit at its meeting Oct 27.

The meeting agenda noted that an on-premises tasting permit is a license that allows alcohol manufacturers to sell and serve their products for consumption at a tasting room located on their licensed premises. In Michigan, the application requires recommendation from the local governing unit. Doster Brewing Co. LLC is applying for an OnPremise Tasting Permit for their location at 145 E. Bridge St. in Plainwell.

The council was to consider approving an On-Premises Tasting Permit for Doster Brewing by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

It was noted LLC is planning on applying for a Class C redevelopment liquor license once they are up and running. This would allow them to sell alcohol at their on-premises bar, which must be open to the public. As part of their application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission the City must pass a resolution recommending approval. Additionally, this license can only be issued after the City has established a redevelopment district for the purposes of their license, or moves them into the DDA.

The council was to consider approval of a Class C Liquor License Permit for Mill 17 LLC by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Ladies, Leaves and Laughter scheduled for Nov. 7

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Ladies, mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 7.

That's when this year's Ladies, Leaves and Laughter event will take place in downtown Plainwell from 3 to 7 p.m.

"Ladies, Leaves and Laughter was created as a fun event to bring women together and experience the best Plainwell has to offer in the shopping district," organizers said. "With a variety of businesses and restaurants offering sales and specials, it's meant to showcase the variety of opportunities right here locally, as many people think you have to go to a bigger city to find what's right in our little town."

Since its inception, Ladies, Leaves and Laughter has consistently grown each year. That trend is expected to continue this year.

"For 2025, we anticipate even greater business participation and an increase in both monetary and non-monetary donations," organizers said. "Our goal is to surpass 1,100 participants from 2024."

Last year's Ladies, Leaves and Laughter event in downtown Plainwell drew more than 1,100 attendees, with organizers hoping to top that number this year. (Photo provided)

Free swag bags will be handed out at Plainwell Flowers to the first 50 ladies (18 and older) in line at four times: 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

"If you miss out the first time, swing back in the next hour," organizers said.

Each Swag Bag will be filled with surprise items, included a few that contain "Ladies Loot," which can be spent at the merchants listed on the back of the coupon.

Popup giveaways will also take place throughout the event.

"Always popular, (for the popup giveaways) we randomly stop into a business and ask questions and give away fun items that have been generously donated by local businesses," organizers said.

There will be specials and sales that each participating business is promoting, and with every $25.00 purchase at a designated shop, attendees receive one entry to our Ladies Night Drawing.

"This year we have several amazing prizes we will be drawing for, and our Grand Prize being a Grand Traverse Resort & Spa package valued at $1000.00," organizers said.

Three other prizes will also be given away.

In addition, the Social District will be open, meaning ladies can stop by 1871 Tap Room and grab a drink to enjoy while strolling through town.

"Events like this keep people excited for new things, keeps the community together and promotes the downtown businesses as they also give back to their customers," organizers said. "Overall, Ladies, Leaves and Laughter is just a wonderful time to gather your friends and family and come see what Plainwell has to offer."

To follow all the details for this event, go to the City of Plainwell's Facebook event page or visit plainwell.org.

Knooihuizen wins local Lions Club Peace Poster contest

Each year, Otsego Middle School art students participate in the Lions Club International Peace Poster contest, which has local, regional and national levels within it. Each participating school has an initial winner, who then advances to the next level.

This year, sixth grader Hazel Knooihuizen was the winner for Otsego.

"When I saw I won I was surprised and nervous but also excited," she says.

The theme for this year's contest was "Together as One."

"When we come together, we can do amazing things," said a description on the Lions Club website. "This year, we're inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal.

"Imagine a world where we all come together as one!"

Knooihuizen made her painting of a quilt, explaining the decision to do so "because I could put multiple images in one."

She chose images she thought would make the world a better place being sewn together.

"It shows that the ribbon and string and needle all come together to make something beautiful, like how people could come together and make the world a better place," Knooihuizen said.

Knooihuizen will receive a $50 prize and her artwork will go on to compete against other area schools.

According to the Lions Club website, the contest, which started nearly four decades ago, is open to children ages 11 to 13 and gives them the opportunity to share what peace means to them through art.

"Each year, Lions clubs around the world sponsor the contest in schools and organized youth groups, giving young people the opportunity to be recognized at local and international levels — and awarded a grand prize of US$5,000 — for their creativity in sharing their vision of the current year's theme," said a description on the website.

Otsego sixth-grader Hazel Knooihuizen is seen with Otsego Middle School art teacher Dee Basse. Knooihuizen was the OMS winner for the Lions Club International Peace Poster contest. (Photo provided)

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Mathieu, Blanchard lead Bulldogs past Plainwell

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—For the record, Blake Mathieu is only a sophomore.

But the Otsego quarterback looked like a seasoned veteran in the Bulldogs' season finale against archrival Plainwell at Streidl Field on Friday, Oct. 24.

Mathieu racked up 163 passing yards and four touchdowns to lead Otsego to the 39-0 victory.

Otsego quarterback Blake Mathieu hands off to Lane Blanchard during the Bulldogs' win over Plainwell. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

The win was the third in a row for the Bulldogs (4-5) in the long-running rivalry with the Trojans (3-6) following an 11-game winning streak by Plainwell.

"This game means a lot to a lot of people in the community, so it means a lot to us and it's a big win," Otsego coach Damien Ross said. "It was also important for us to send our seniors off the right way."

Lane Blanchard is one of those seniors.

"I really think we peaked at the end of the season, which was great," Blanchard said. "It's a great way to go out and I'm really excited for my guys in the future."

Blanchard ran for a pair of touchdowns, the first coming in the second quarter and the second coming in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, Blanchard led the Bulldogs with 13 tackles and two sacks. He set a new school record for tackles in a season.

The game started a bit shaky for Otsego, as a pair of turnovers ended drives in the first quarter.

But the Bulldogs quickly regrouped to take command, as Mathieu connected with Chris Weirick for a 75-yard scoring pass to give Otsego the 6-0 first-quarter lead.

Two more TD tosses from Mathieu in the second quarter—the first for 13 yards to Alex Babin and the second for 60 yards to Zeke Andrina—were sandwiched around a rushing TD by Blanchard. That gave Otsego the 25-0 halftime lead.

"The early mistakes were all things we were doing and not trusting our fundamentals," Ross said. "We have a great understanding that we just play the next play no matter if the previous play was good or bad. That mindset helps us stay composed."

Weirick and Dom Town each had two tackles to help lead the Otsego defense.

"Our defense got them to be one dimensional by stopping the run, so we were able to start creating turnovers when they passed the ball," Ross said.

Ross praised the senior class.

"They're just a great group of people," Ross said of the seniors. "We are going to miss them, but they've set a foundation for Otsego football that is going to push us over the hump in the future."

For Plainwell, Chib Amaezechi had six receptions for 82 yards. Grayson Veltman had a team-best seven tackles.

"It's disappointing to play the way we did at the end of the year against our rival," Plainwell coach Brian Huberty said. "We have a lot of young kids that were up and played for us throughout the season and tonight was no different."

Despite the result of this game, Huberty remains optimistic about the program's future.

"While we are disappointed that the season didn't get the outcomes we were looking for, we are really excited to see our lower levels as successful as they were and are looking forward to continuing to take steps forward," he said.

Plainwell's season ends with shootout loss to Eddies

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PORTAGE—After watching his team battle Edwardsburg to a 2-2 tie during the regular season, Plainwell boys soccer coach Ryan Beauregard fully expected the rematch in a Division 2 regional semifinal to be a close match.

And that it was.

The teams finished regulation and two 10-minute overtime periods deadlocked at 1-1 before the Eddies prevailed in a shootout to hand the Trojans the 2-1 season-ending loss.

Plainwell's final record stands at 11-7-5.

"This is a tough way to go out, but at the same time we can say we gave our conference champion two games where we were tied at the end of regulation," Plainwell coach Ryan Beauregard said. "Going down to PKs, you never know what can happen. I thought we were well prepared, but it just wasn't meant to be."

Edwardsburg made good on its first three attempts in the shootout, as Brayden Fischer, Alecksandr Rodriguez and Riley Szalai all scored.

Plainwell, meanwhile, was off target on its first three attempts, as Edwardsburg keeper Law Gates made a sliding save the first, the second was wide left and the third hit the top crossbar.

"Our preparation for matches is fantastic," Eddies coach Sean Jesse said. "These kids put in the work during the offseason and it shows in matches like these where we can go play over 100 minutes of soccer and be able to finish off a match like this as strong a s we did tonight."

The Eddies struck first, as Szalai scored off a rebound from a missed shot with 23:59 left in the first half.

The score remained that way through halftime, but Plainwell got the equalizer when Thierno Saou Diallo headed a pass to Nate Launt. There was 33:32 in the second half.

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Teagen Wilson moves the ball for Plainwell in a regional semifinal with Edwardsburg. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Saugatuck boys dominate at regionals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PORTAGE—The Saugatuck boys cross country program has a long list of accomplishments, including multiple team state championships and individual state titles.

But one thing the Trailblazers had never done was to have the top four finishers in a race.

Never, that is, until the Division 3 regional hosted by Portage Central on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Led by individual champ Marcus Silva, Saugatuck went one, two, three, four and 10 to post 20 points and easily get past runner-up Buchanan (58 points).

Fennville placed seventh with 184 points.

The win by Silva, a junior, was the first in his high school career.

"To have the first four finishers in a race—any race, let alone a regional—is pretty incredible," Saugatuck coach Rick Bauer said. "It says a lot about the heart and desire these guys have. They wanted to make a statement, and they did."

Buchanan junior John Keser entered the race as the favorite to win, according to an online publication that specializes in cross country in Michigan. Bauer was hoping to put at least one or two runners ahead of him.

"We knew (Keser) was tough, but we also know he likes to go out hard," Bauer said. "So our plan was to let him take it out for the first mile and then see what happened. But the halfway point, I could tell Marcus was going to good day and I was thinking some of the other guys might, too."

Silva ran a personal-best 16:13 for the win. Fellow juniors Grant Rehkopf (16:31), and Sawyer Monroe (16:47) finished second and third, respectively, with sophomore Jackson Bowman placing fourth at 16:47).

Senior Sammy Gamboa was Saugatuck's fifth and final scoring runner, placing 10th at 17:19.

Bauer didn't get the see the finish in person, as he was out on the course tending to one of his runners who had to drop out of the race. But his wife Angelina, the head coach of the Saugatuck girls team, was keeping him posted.

"My wife was on the phone telling me what was going on," he said. "We she said he had the top four, my next thought was, 'Where's Sammy?'"

Saugatuck will participate in the Division 3 State Finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn on Saturday, Nov. 1.

"There are about four other teams that could win a state championship, but we think we're right in that mix as well," Bauer said. "We know it won't be easy, but these guys tend to be at their best at the biggest races. If that's the case again this year, then it could be a fun day on Saturday."

Saugatuck girls cruise to regional championship

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PORTAGE—For the 18th time in the past 20 years, the Saugatuck girls cross country team is headed to the State Finals.

The Trailblazers qualified for the Division 3 Finals thanks to their regional win at Portage on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Saugatuck's 28-point total was 43 points better than runner-up Bridgman. Fennville finished third with 98 points to snag the final qualify spot.

"The girls had a great day, and our boys were incredible as well (winning a regional title with just 20 points), which made the day even better," Saugatuck coach Angelina Bauer said.

All five of Saugatuck's scoring runners placed in the top eight, and its top six finishers earned All-Region by placing in the top 15.

Junior Kamryn Sixberry paced Saugatuck, placing third at 19:56. Fellow junior Lyvia Curtis was close behind in fourth at 20:01, followed by senior Alina Martinson in sixth (20:41), freshman Ellyse Heyser in seventh (20:54) and senior Savannah VanDenBerg in eighth (21:08).

Freshman Ryann Monroe placed 13th at 21:42.

"It was a true team effort," Bauer said. "Everyone stepped up when they needed to step up when some teammates were struggling. We had some really wonderful performances."

And while the Trailblazers were obviously pleased with the regional title, their focus quickly shifted to the State Finals.

"The girls were proud to carry on tradition, knowing it was our 18th trip to State Finals in 20 years," Bauer said. "They are proud to once again represent our program at State Finals, never taking it for granted.

"They know it is an honor and a privilege, and that there are many teams that do not get to do this, so they

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Members of the Saugatuck boys and girls cross country teams were all smiles as they showed off the trophies they earned by winning Division 3 regional championships on Saturday, Oct. 25. (Photo provided)

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Athlete of the Week

Blake Mathieu
Otsego
Football

Otsego sophomore Blake Mathieu was locked in during his team's sesaon finale against Plainwell on Friday, Oct. 24.

Mathieu threw for 163 yards and four touchdowns--including a 75 yarder to Chris Weirick to open the scoring--to lead the Bulldogs to the 39-0 victory in this longstanding rivarly game.

Otsego finished the season at 4-5.

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Clippers cruise past NorthPointe Christian, move to 9-0

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Another game, another standout performance from Martin senior Haylen Buell.

Buell, who moved from running back to quarterback this season, racked up more than 300 yards of total offense to propel the Clippers to a 50-7 win over NorthPointe Christian in the final game of the regular season.

Martin finished the year at 9-0 and is the top-ranked team in 8-Player Division 1.

"Haylen played at an All-State level again tonight," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said.

Buell wasted little time in setting the tone for the game, breaking free for a 38-yard rushing touchdown.

That touchdown, along with the successful conversion, helped the Clippers overcome an early 7-0 deficit that resulted after Martin fumbled inside the red zone and NorthPointe Christian recovered.

That marked Martin's first turnover of the season.

Buell added rushing TDs of 25 and 15 yards in the second quarter to go with an 11-yard scoring run in the third quarter.

And just to remind fans he can do more than just run, Buell also had a pair of scoring passes: the first to Seth Toris in the third quarter (13 yards) and the second to Anderson Keeler in the fourth quarter (10 yards) to complete the scoring.

Toris added a TD run, finding the end zone from 35 yards out in the third quarter.

Buell finished with 259 rushing yards on 18 carries, giving him 1,313 yards and 29 rushing touchdowns. He added 52 passing yards on four completions.

Toris complimented Buell by rushing 19 times for 109 yards.

Isaac Suk, meanwhile, "played out of his mind" defensively, according to Blauvelt. Suk led the team with 12 tackles.

"Isaac was everyone on defense from his middle linebacker position," Blauvelt said.

Weson Elkins and Peyton Schuring Harris each had four tackles and a couple of sacks to help lead the Martin defense.

Martin football coach Brad Blauvelt (center) talks to his team after a game. The Clippers start postseason play by hosting Marcellus. (Photo provided)

Next up for the Clippers is a playoff opener at home against Marcellus on Friday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m.

"We are very excited to start postseason play," Blauvelt said. "We've been working consistently over the past eight months to get to this point of the season. A lot of time and effort has been so that we can finish the season as champions.

"Last year's loss to Mendon (in regionals) still lingers in our minds, and we don't want that feeling again."

Allegan football ends season with win over visiting Coloma

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The 2025 season ended on a high note for the Allegan football team.

Led by a ground attack that amassed 376 yards, the Tigers racked up more than 400 yards of total offense to post the 44-37 win over visiting Coloma on Friday, Oct. 24.

The win, which was the second for Allegan (3-6) in its last three games of the season, was extra special as it came on Parents Night.

"The night was filled with some explosive offensive and defensive plays," Allegan coach Tony Danzig said. "It was great to end the season with a win."

The game remained close started with the teams separated by a single point—16-15 in favor of Coloma—after the opening quarter.

And things stayed close throughout, with the score knotted at 23-23 at halftime before Allegan took a 37-30 lead to the final quarter.

Brandon Thrash led the offensive charge for Allegan. He punished the Coloma defense to the tune of 266 yards and two touchdowns.

Dylan Ritsema and Hauk Henrickson added 60 and 50 yards, respectively, with each scoring one touchdown.

Aiden Fusco and Bradyn Kosiorowski each hauled in one pass from quarterback Landon Geddes. Fusco's reception went for 24 yards and provided a first down on a big third-down play, while Kosiorowski's catch was for seven yards.

Defensively, the Tigers were led by TJ Jameson with nine tackles. Henrickson and Ritsema both had four tackles, while Brody McDade had a tackle and two interceptions.

Sullivan Garvin had two tackles and a fumble recovery that ultimately led to a touchdown.

Blackhawks secure winning record

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ONAWAY—The Fennville football team entered its season finale against Onaway on Saturday, Oct. 25, with the opportunity to do something it hadn't done since 2021: secure a winning season.

And the Blackhawks did just that, using a 30-point second quarter surge to take a big lead and cruise to the 60-6 win.

The win made the four-hour trek to Onaway worth it for Fennville coach Wendell Hughes, whose team finished at 5-4.

"It was a long trip but well worth the journey," Hughes said. "It was a fun weekend building memories, capped off with a dominating victory."

The 60-point outburst gave Fennville 332 points for the season, marking the third most in program history dating back to 1950.

"I'm very pleased with how we finished the season with three strong wins," Hughes said.

Quarterback Carter Thompson spearheaded Fennville's offensive attack, amassing 300 yards of total offense and six total touchdowns.

He went 7-of-15 passing for 194 yards three touchdowns: 40 yards to Ashton Halcomb in the third quarter; 17 yards to Ely Schut in the third; and 60 yards to Halcomb in the fourth.

Thompson added 106 yards and three TDs—1, 4 and 50 yards—all of which came in the second quarter.

Halcomb had four catches for 125 yards, while Schut had two catches for 69 yards. Schut also had an interception return for a 58-yard TD in the second quarter.

"I'm going to miss the seniors," Hughes said. "I'm grateful for them and the foundation they've helped lay. We will continue to build on this."

Saugatuck girls ■ from Page B1

are very thankful for each other and for the journey."

Throughout the season, Saugatuck has been ranked between second and fourth in Division 3. Lansing Catholic, Pewamo-Westphalia and Jackson Lumen Christi are the other teams that have been in the top four.

Fennville junior Isabelle Sliter claimed the individual championship, finishing the race at 19:19.

Also scoring for the Blackhawks were seniors Samantha Giles (18th at 22:11) and Marisol Diaz (23rd at 22:47), junior Martiza Rosas (28th at 23:19) and Nidia Villalobos (36th at 23:41).

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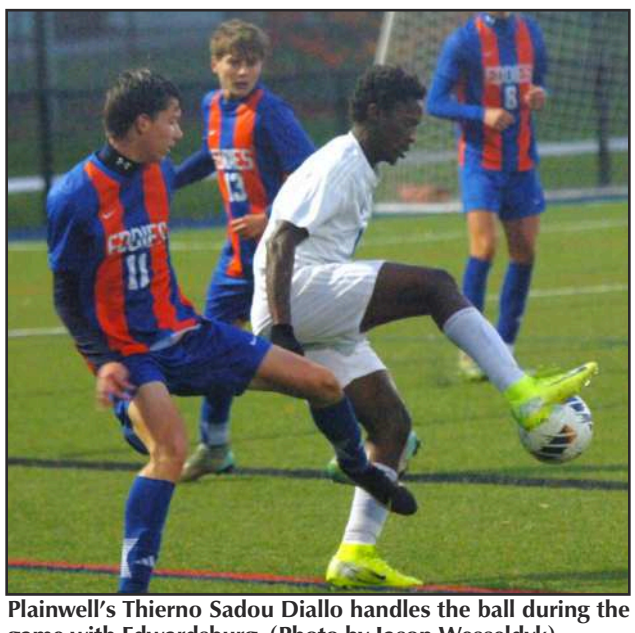

Plainwell's Thierno Sadou Diallo handles the ball during the game with Edwardsburg. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

And that's where the score stayed as each team's defense did the job on a chilly, rainy evening at Portage Northern.

"I'm proud of the boys for how well they competed," Beauregard said. "We lost to Paw Paw during the regular season, but this group responded and put together a great run from that point forward and that speaks to the trust they have in us as coaches, in themselves and their teammates."

Beauregard will miss this year's senior class, which is 14 strong.

"I was coaching the JV team the senior year for these guys," he said. "This group of seniors will be hard to replace. My first year (as varsity coach) we had 13 seniors, last year we had nine and this year we have 14. They're going to be hard to replace, but younger guys have seen what this group has done and are eager to carry on that legacy."

Jesse praised Plainwell's level of intensity.

"Plainwell is a very good and physical team," he said. "It was just a matter of us keeping our mental focus. There were times when we were looser than I wanted us to be. Keeping our intensity and battling through were the two biggest keys."

Saugatuck volleyball wins pair

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PARCHMENT—Facing Coloma and Parchment on Tuesday, Oct. 21, the Saugatuck volleyball team came away with a pair of wins.

The Trailblazers bested Coloma 17-25, 25-20, 25-20 and upended Parchment 25-19, 12-25, 26-24.

Natalia Laskowski had a big night, amassing a total of 20 kills and 30 digs. Jocelyn Johnson had 33 digs to lead Saugatuck, while Gabbie Cochran finished with 27.

Emma Gosler finished with 13 kills. Chloe Collins had six kills against Coloma and Julia Lowry had six against Parchment.

Ashtyn O'Neill served up four aces.

Two days later, Saugatuck hosted Decatur and dropped a 25-18, 17-25, 25-16, 26-24 decision.

Laskowski had 18 digs, seven kills and six aces. Gosler had 10 kills and 11 digs, while Julia Lowery had 14 digs and five kills.

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Otsego cross country teams win regional titles

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Otsego boys and girls cross country teams took home some hardware after winning regional championships in Portage on Saturday, Oct. 25. (Photo provided)

PORTAGE—Throughout the season, the Otsego girls cross country team—led by senior Emma Hoffman—has been ranked first or second in the Division 2 poll.

So the Bulldogs entered the Division 2 regional at Portage West Middle School on Saturday, Oct. 25, as the odds-on favorites to win the regional title.

Hoffman & Co. did not disappoint.

All five of Otsego's scoring runners placed in the top nine, giving the Bulldogs 28 points for the easy victory.

St. Joseph was runner-up with 101 points, while Sturgis was third with 118 points to claim the third qualifying slot for the State Finals, which will take place at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Plainwell finished sixth with 154 points.

The day ended up being twice as nice for Otsego, as the boys team scored 94 points to take the top spot ahead of Three Rivers (110) and Gull Lake (121).

Plainwell was eighth in the boys race with 174 points.

Hoffman easily won the race, posting a time of 16:59. Joining her in the top 10 for the Bulldogs were Alayna Verhage (fourth at 18:54), Addelyn Sabatke (sixth at 19:19), Adelyn Verhage (eighth at 19:29) and Rebekah Stachura (ninth at 19:32).

Taylee Fox finished 12th at 19:38 to give Otsego six All-Region honorees. All-Region goes to the top 15 finishers.

Plainwell's Mai Nguyen (third at 18:46) and Molly Bruggink (16th at 20:04) also earned a trip to the State Finals as individuals.

In the boys race, Kenny Sheffer ran a 16:17 to place sixth and lead Otsego. Gunnar Djerf also earned All-Region for the Bulldogs as he placed 10th at 16:29.

Kaleb Koestner (23rd at 17:04), George Whitaker (25th at 17:08) and Ryan Long (30th at 17:18) were Otsego's other scoring runners.

Plainwell senior Hiro Nguyen placed 15th at 16:35 to qualify for the Finals individually.

Saugatuck football ends 2025 season on high note

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WATERVLIET—It's been said that it's not how you start, but rather it's how you finish that truly matters.

That was the case for the Saugatuck football team in its season finale against visiting Watervliet on Friday, Oct. 24.

After falling behind 14-0 following a pair of turnovers, the Trailblazers regrouped to knot the score at 28-28 at halftime en route to the 55-43 victory.

The win snapped a five-game losing skid for Saugatuck, which ended the season at 3-6.

"The kids stayed resilient and continued to play hard," Saugatuck coach Bill Dunn said. "They made plays in game-changing moments on both sides of the ball to finish on the plus side of the ball game."

Not that it was easy.

Watervliet quarterback Caleb Jewell racked up more than 500 yards of total offense, throwing for 320 yards on 18-of-27 passing to go with 202 yards on the ground. He accounted for a total of five touchdowns, with three of those through the air and two rushing.

"I have to give credit to our defense," Dunn said. "Despite the fact that Jewell had over 500 yards of offense between running and throwing the ball, the defense made critical game-changing plays in defining moments."

Gabe Lauer had four sacks for the Saugatuck defense, while Max Page had two and Soren Peterson added one. Page led the way with 10.5 tackles, followed by Lauer with 8.5 and Jack Drummond with 7.5.

Saugatuck took its first lead of the game at 34-28 early in the third quarter on a 9-yard run by Page. But back came Jewell and Watervliet with a TD of their own to go up 35-34.

The Trailblazers responded again, as quarterback Walt Bos ran for a 6-yard TD and Page made good on the conversion run to put Saugatuck up 40-35.

The 'Blazers didn't trail again, getting fourth-quarter scoring runs from Page (six yards) and Mason Leslie (18 yards) sandwiched around a Watervliet TD.

"After the first two turnovers, the offense took care of the ball, controlled the line of scrimmage with our run game and moved the chains down the field, gaining big chunks of yardage," Dunn said.

Three Saugatuck players racked up at least 94 rushing yards, led by 134 from Page on 20 carries. Leslie had 127 yards—and four touchdowns—on 16 carries, while Bos went for 94 yards on 10 carries.

Drummond added 17 yards on four carries.

"All four of our running backs contributed to the team's scoring," Dunn said.

"It was good to be on the plus side of tonight's track meet. The kids made critical plays at critical times. I am happy for the win and happy for the seniors who were able to finish the season and finish their playing days on a positive note."

Dunn has special words for Page.

"I am very proud of our seniors and the leadership they provided this year," Dunn said. "And I want to make special mention of senior captain, Max Page, who was the heart and soul of the team this season."

And while the final record wasn't what Dunn or his players were hoping for, positive lessons were learned, according to the coach.

"No matter what, these kids continued to play hard through adversity, they stayed together and they laid the foundation for a strong season next year," Dunn said.

Martin posts victory over Watervliet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WATERVLIET—Great volleyball.

That's how Martin volleyball coach Shannon Goddard described her team's match against host Watervliet on Thursday, Oct. 23.

The Clippers won 25-11, 26-24, 25-19.

"We played great team volleyball," Goddard said. "Everyone had a handful in this win, which is exactly what we need going into the postseason."

Mackenzie Schwartz led the Clippers with 13 kills and was second in digs with 10. Kendra Goddard had 18 digs.

Torryn Harris racked up 24 assists, while Maggie Jager had eight aces. Marybeth Ritchie added eight kills and five aces.

Two days earlier, Martin took part in a tri-match with host Constantine and Allegan. After falling to the Clippers in two sets, the Clippers bested Allegan 15-25, 25-23, 27-25.

"It took us a bit to play our style, but we figured it out in the Allegan match," Coach Goddard said. "We are very evenly matched so it's exciting to play them."

Schwartz led the Clippers with 16 kills. Harris had 33 assists and Kendra Goddard had 17 digs.

Kendra Goddard and Schwartz were recently named First Team All-Conference, while Ritchie received Honorable Mention accolades.

Martin players celebrate after winning a point in a recent match. (Photo provided)

Hopkins football prevails

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FRUITPORT—The situation was clear for the Hopkins football entering its final game of the regular season against visiting Fruitport on Friday, Oct. 24: win, and the Vikings would almost assuredly lock up a playoff berth.

And win Hopkins did, building a 12-0 halftime lead and holding on for the 12-7 win.

The Vikings finished the regular season at 5-4. They entered the game ranked 32nd in Division 5—putting them in the final playoff spot—and moved up to 25th place with the win to secure a playoff berth.

Hopkins will be the visitor against Kalamazoo United—a co-op between Kalamazoo Christian and Kalamazoo Hackett—in a district semifinal on Friday, Oct. 31. The game will be played at Mattawan High School with a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The Vikings started the scoring with a 33-yard pass from Merek Zapolnik to Blake Hyma in the first quarter. Vicente Garza made good on the extra-point kick.

A safety by Henry Teunissen and a 32-yard field goal from Garza in the second quarter made the score 12-0.

The Hopkins defense did the rest, limiting Fruitport to 122 total yards.

Zapolnik finished 5-of-9 passing for 92 yards. Jackson Iciek (18 yards) had two catches, while Garza (21 yards) and Graycin Ingle (20 yards) joined Hyma with one catch.

Justin VanWagner led the ground attack with 66 yards on 21 carries, followed by Garza with 39 yards on nine carries and Cruz Hitzler with 36 yards on five carries.

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Tech Center senior earns rare SolidWorks expert certification

Allegan Tech Center student and senior at Otsego High School Jacob Austin has achieved what very few SolidWorks users do, earning the Certified SolidWorks Expert (CSWE) certification. Austin is the only student in Dr. Dale Quattrin's twenty-six years of teaching Drafting and Engineering, seventh at the Allegan Tech Center to achieve this feat.

SolidWorks is a 3D parametric CAD (computer-aided design) software used by engineering, manufacturing, and product design companies worldwide. The software allows designers to build precise models of parts and assemblies that can be adjusted and refined through defined parameters, making it an essential tool in modern engineering and manufacturing.

According to Dr. Quattrin, the CSWE certification represents the highest level of mastery available within SolidWorks. "To qualify for the CSWE expert exam, candidates must

Allegan Tech Center Senior Jacob Austin

first pass a series of advanced prerequisite tests in areas of Surfacing, Sheet Metal, Mold Tools, and Weldments," he explained. "While SolidWorks does not publish exact numbers, only about 0.1% of all SolidWorks users have achieved expert status," a statistic that underscores the rarity of Austin's accomplishment, especially for a high school student.

"This certification is incredibly difficult to earn," said Dr. Quattrin, "It requires not just strong technical skills but also determination, patience, and problem-solving ability. Jacob's accomplishment reflects the very best of what we hope to see in our students: curiosity, persistence, and a passion for engineering."

Austin's journey to certification began with a deep interest in design and building. "I've always liked creating things and seeing how they work," he said. "I really enjoyed the SolidWorks program, and over the last two months I focused on preparing for the exam. I felt confident going into it, but when I found out I passed, it was a great feeling."

Austin is currently an engineering intern at Peloton Inc, a leading provider of custom machine design, mechanical design, control systems, and other engineering services in Otsego and is also a member of the Otsego Robotics team, both experiences that have allowed him to apply his design skills in real-world settings. His parents were "very proud and excited" when they heard the news, and Austin is already considering earning a few additional certifications before the school year ends.

Dr. Quattrin noted that accomplishments like this can open doors for students beyond high school. "This certification gives Jacob a tremendous resume booster and a competitive edge at any company that does mechanical or engineering design work," he said. "It's an internationally recognized benchmark that many companies use for hiring, salary, and promotions."

After graduation, he hopes to attend Michigan Technological University, where he plans to study engineering. "Jacob's success shows what's possible when students combine their classroom learning with hands-on experience and personal drive." said Dr. Quattrin. "He's setting a new standard for what our students can achieve."

David Bailey

Greg Piper

Beacon Health System names interim presidents

Beacon Health System has announced strategic leadership changes at three of its southwest Michigan hospitals, effective November 1, 2025. As part of Beacon's commitment to community-focused care, the health system is redesigning the current administrator role and establishing local president roles at its critical access hospitals, Beacon Allegan and Beacon Dowagiac, to strengthen local leadership and enhance service delivery.

Effective November 1, Greg Piper, Vice President of Beacon Retail Services, will serve as Interim President of Beacon Allegan Hospital, and David Bailey, President of Community Hospital of Bremen, will serve as Interim President of Beacon Dowagiac Hospital. Both leaders will continue in their current roles and provide executive oversight for Beacon Plainwell Hospital as the health system implements this new leadership structure.

Paul Hoffman, Administrator for Beacon Allegan, Dowagiac and Plainwell hospitals, will move on from Beacon on October 31, 2025. Searches for permanent presidents at Beacon Allegan and Beacon Dowagiac will begin immediately.

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Murder in Sin City delights all

By Gari Voss

Beautify Pullman's Fall Fundraiser *Murder in Sin City* at the Fenn Valley Vinyard on Saturday, October 25, 2025, did not disappoint. The cast of characters from the owner of the Paramount Casino to the gamblers and call girls and even a senator played their parts to the delight of the guests to the Casino.

Everyone was given an envelope with poker chips and clues about the characters. Questions could be asked of the politician, the sexy showgirls, the devious gamblers, and even the cunning cocktail waitress. No one was beyond reproach once the body was discovered.

Once the body of Ace High was discovered game was afoot, and everyone was a suspect.

The almost 100 partygoers were able to enjoy appetizers while playing casino games and getting to know the characters. Raffle tickets were purchased, and hopeful buyers slid their tickets into the boxes of the coveted gifts.

During and after a delightful dinner of specialty soups and sandwiches plus a variety of desserts, characters were grilled and tables of visitors began organizing what they had learned. By the end of the evening, the best sleuths were awarded and lucky tickets drawn.

Beautify Pullman will use the proceeds to continue the activities in the Town Square – Farmers Market, summer concerts, etc. In addition, they will continue working on gathering donations to create the Safe Route to School.

As guests arrived at the Paramount Casino (aka Fenn Valley Vineyard) on Sat., Oct. 25th, they received an envelope with poker chips to gamble, money to bribe characters, and clues. They enjoyed wonderful appetizers while listening to the Elvis (aka Ron Short) on stage. Photo: Bill Pyke

The Arc holds Halloween party at church

By Gari Voss

Approximately 200 Halloween partygoers gathered at the Blessed Sacrament Church to show off wonderful costumes, dance to Halloween favorites, enjoy dinner, and participate in lively conversations. The Arc of Allegan County enjoys finding opportunities for clients, their families and caregivers to celebrate holidays. During the evening of Thursday, October 23, 2025, the guests could show off their costumes, have pictures taken with friends, and participate in raffles. Who is that masked bird? Photo: G. Voss

Paws With A Cause celebrates $10M facility renovation

By Gari Voss

Paws With A Cause (PAWS) is inviting the community to celebrate the completion of its $10 million facility renovation with free, family-friendly community open houses on November 6 and 8, 2025.

Funded by the Embrace the Journey campaign, the renovation includes a state-of-the-art training center, new veterinary clinic, and modernized spaces designed to expand programs and train more assistance and facility dogs. These upgrades highlight PAWS' mission to transform lives and strengthen communities through partnerships with custom-trained working dogs.

An exclusive ribbon cutting for the completion of its $10 million facility renovation will be held on November 6th at 10am. The invited guests and media will get a first look at all newly renovated spaces and capture behind-the-scenes footage. This will includes private tours, opportunities to interview PAWS leadership, and a chance to see working assistance and facility dogs in action.

Proclamations from elected officials will also be presented, officially recognizing "Paws With A Cause Day" on November 6, 2025, in the State of Michigan.

The campus will then be opened to the public. Guests attending the Community Open Houses will enjoy interactive stations, games, activities for all ages, food, and guided tours of the upgraded campus. This is a unique opportunity for families and community members to meet PAWS working dogs, learn about the organization's programs, and experience the impact of its work firsthand.

The Community Open Houses are free. Two opportunities will be available – Thursday, November 6, 2025 from 1-4pm and Saturday, November 8th from 10am – 3pm. Paws With A Cause National Headquarters is located at 4646 Division Ave. in Wayland, MI.

For more information about Paws With A Cause and the Open House, visit www.pawswithacause.org.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Anthony Allen Carpenter, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: September 20, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 25, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $12,356.89

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Land situated in the Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan: That part of the West 1/2, Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 1375.54 feet along the West line of said Northeast 1/4 to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 604.52 feet along said West line; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 36 seconds East 1314.65 feet along the South line of the North 40 acres of the South 60 acres of said West 1/2 Northeast 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes West 464.00 feet along the East Line of said West 1/2, Northeast 1/4; thence North 83 degrees 09 minutes West 1323.71 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 3126 5th St, Wayland, MI 49348-9755

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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Date of notice: October 9, 2025

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Zachary Kragness, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 11, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $192,003.38

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 20, Landsburg`s Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 26, Allegan County Records

Common street address (if any): 5667 Landsburg Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9479

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Date of notice: October 23, 2025

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jack Cafretsas and Megan Cafretsas, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: February 7, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 14, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $169,589.16

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, Gun Plain Township, Allegan County,

Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West on the South Section line, 1676.73 feet to the Centerline of Riverview Drive, thence North 35 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds West on said Centerline 530.82 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North 35 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds West on said centerline 109.43 feet; thence South 54 degrees 07 minutes 08 seconds West at right angles to said centerline 322.00 feet; thence South 35 degrees 52 minutes 52 second East, parallel with said Centerline 109.37 feet; thence North 54 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds East 322.01 feet to the Point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 874 Riverview Dr, Plainwell, MI 49080-1822

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NOTICE TO CREDITOR'S TRUST ADMINISTRATION

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, DONALD R MARSTON, 8-28-1943 died 10-14-2025. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the [ONALD R MARSTON dated 10-27-2025, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented tolvan E Marston, Trustee, at 4156 AVON, DORR MI 49323 within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: 10-27-2025

IVAN E MARSTON

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

County Bldg. Allegan, MI 49010

FILE NO.: 25-70962-CH

HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK

ROHIT JAIN,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

ALTA CIMA CORP D/B/A FACTORY HOME CENTER and

ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS,

MICHAEL J. BECKER P81132

ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL P.C.

Attorney for Plaintiff 314 Trowbridge Street Allegan, MI 49010

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Judgment by Default will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. before the Hon. Matthew Antkoviak in the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Allegan, Michigan.

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Dated: October 20, 2025

BY Michael J. Becker Attorney for Plaintiff

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Hernan Campos, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Allied First Bank, SB DBA Servbank

Date of Mortgage: September 15, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 1, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $97,879.02

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Salem, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The West 200 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Allegan County, State of Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 3043 140th Ave, Dorr, MI 49323-9531

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If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Date of notice: October 30, 2025

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Tomas Brvenik and Anne L Oxendine, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: November 12, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $209,899.29

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Saugatuck, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 3 North, Range 16 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West

1130.35 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 154.05 feet; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes 13 seconds East 198.00 feet along a line which is North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 25.00 feet from and parallel with the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 154.05 feet; thence North 89 degrees 18-minutes 13 seconds West 198.00 feet to the point of beginning. Saugatuck Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 2955 66th St, Fennville, MI 49408-9642

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Hershel Baker and Sarah Baker, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2025-1

Date of Mortgage: September 21, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 6, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $158,928.57

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 9, Retreat Subdivision, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded at Liber 6, Page 7, Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 5386 Reveille Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9590

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gregory J Giniel II, married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Brighthouse Life Insurance Company

Date of Mortgage: October 17, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 1, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $1,237,730.85

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Casco, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 5, Plat of Beverly Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 1

Common street address (if any): 7258 Beverly Dr, South Haven, MI 49090-8653

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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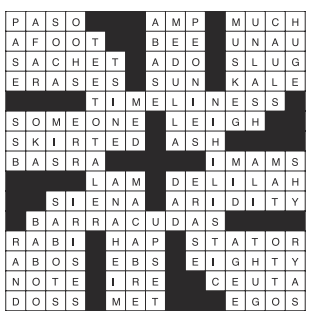

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-06584 DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of George A. Webb Date of Birth:*April 12, 1936
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, George A. Webb, died July 27, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to
Dennis M. Dickman , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
10/22/2025
Dennis Dickman
405 Midlakes Blvd.
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
818-378-3365

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-06907 DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Aurelia Helen Webb Date of Birth:*March 30, 1936
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Aurelia Helen Webb, died September 30, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to
Dennis M. Dickman , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
10/22/2025
Dennis Dickman
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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: MARY ELLEN IDEN-POPE has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 AT 9:15 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: MARY ELLEN IDEN-POPE to MARY ELLEN POPE

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Mathew W Prins and Melissa Prins, Husband and Wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
Date of Mortgage: January 5, 2015
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 8, 2015
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $108,666.84
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Heath, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing At A Point On The West Line Of P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, 52 Rods And 13 Feet South From North Township Line, Thence West 13 Rods And 14 Feet; Thence North 6 Rods And 13 Feet; Thence East To West Line Of Said P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, Thence Southeasterly Along The West Line Of Said Railroad Right Of Way To Place Of Beginning, Being Part Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West.
Also, Commencing 759 Feet South Of The North Section And Township Line And The Westerly Line Of P.M. Railway, Thence West To A Point 285 Feet West Of The North And South 1/4 Line Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Thence North 33 Feet; Thence East To The Westerly Line Of Said Pere Marquette Railway Right Of Way; Thence Southeasterly Along Said Line To Place Of Beginning, All In The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West. Subject To Driveway Easement Set Forth In Deed Recorded In Liber 407, Page 81.
Together With Grant Of Easement For Ingress And Egress As Recorded In Liber 981 On Page 173.
Common street address (if any): 3570 Trackside Dr, Hamilton, MI 49419-9029
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65847-DA and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Joseph Marion Koslowski Date of Birth:*April 1, 1948
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Joseph Marion Koslowski, died November 20, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kim Wilson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Thav Ryke and Langan
Thomas J Langan P81339
24725 W. 12 Mile Rd Suite 110
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Southfield, MI, 48034
(248) 945-1111
Kim Wilson
3021 Unionville
Halls, TN, 38040
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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Oct. 30, 1950

Parents go to school Nov. 10: The 13th annual "Parents Day" will be held at Allegan High School Friday, Nov. 10, it was announced this week by Joseph Mulready, the school principal.

An annual affair, "Parents Day" this year is in celebration of National Education Week. Parents of junior and senior high school students will attend school while the students have a holiday.

Buses will call for the parents of rural students 45 minutes later than the regular schedule.

The morning program is under the direction of Hartger Winter and wills start with a concert by the high school band at 9:15 under the direction of band director Eldon LaMarre.

Oct. 30, 1975

Bloomingdale man's search for brine water proves a real success: Baron Page was drilling for water brine for his road dust cover business earlier this summer and got a little something extra: oil.

Page, a Bloomingdale resident, had sunk his drill into the sandy soil seven miles west of Bloomingdale in search of water brine in an old field.

"We knew there might be some oil," Page said. "But we didn't expect to find as much as we did."

Page said when the well first began offering the oil, he and his father, Llewellyn "Bud" Page, were pumping out as many as 40 barrels a day.

Now the well, 1,124 feet deep, averages about 24 barrels a day, earning $13.21 a barrel.

The land, which Page owns oil rights to, had six wells pumping oil in the late 1940s and was the western portion of an oil field that began in Bloomingdale.

Nov. 2, 2000

Teens challenge the importance of looks: Parents try to teach their children that what's inside matters more than what's outside—not an easy task.

The Phillips family of Allegan decided to put that lesson to the test.

Mom Linda Phillips approached her four oldest children with an idea—an experiment—to test the notion that appearance is (and should be) secondary to character. Meredith, 14, Megan, 15, Mikey, 13, and Matt, 14, accepted the challenge, not quite expecting the results they uncovered.

Those who know the Phillips family describe them as a good family with sound Christian values. The teens are well behaved and neat in appearance.

So when the four headed out in public earlier this month with vibrantly streaked hair, heads turned. (They wanted a temporary change only, so they used spray in-wash out color).

"We wanted to see if it's more important how people look outside," Megan said. "People who've known us for a long time gave us funny looks."

"People we knew wouldn't look at us," Matt said. "It was disappointing. They know we don't' have an attitude. We didn't change—just our hair."

Strangers treated the experimenters differently, too. Matt took a trip to the mall the day before he colored his hair. The next day, he returned to the mall, complete with blue-streaked hair and fake earrings.

"I got weird looks from people," he said. "When I was there the day before, everything was normal."

Oct. 29, 2020

The Club Closet opens at Allegan High School: "When a door closes, a window opens." When Allegan's Alternative Education High School closed this past school year due to lack of funds, many students and staff members moved to Allegan High School. Laura Feffer, the Alternative HS's principal, is now the assistant principal at the high school. When challenged to explore beneficial programs implemented at the Alternative School that could be adapted to the high school setting, Feffer thought of the Eagle's Nest, a store that students learned to stock and maintain to meet the needs of fellow students.

Feffer shared that along with meeting the academic needs of students, the Alternative Education School staff did mental health checks and found ways to assist them in applying learning to real life situations. The Eagle's Nest built confidence and skills by gathering food, clothing and food supplies that students could "purchase" at no cost. The challenge was finding a group who could do something similar at the high school and a place where items could be organized.

Enter Life Skills instructor Lisa Lugten and assistant Mae Sousley. Lugten accepted the role to integrate the cleaning, organizing and maintaining of the Closet to the Life Skills class and assist students with what would now become The Cub Closet, a small offspring of the Allegan Tigers. A storage closet near the Life Skills classroom was commandeered, and the students went to work. After cleaning, planning and networking, shelves were filled with food and school supplies, and racks began to collect clothing.

Thanks to community involvement led by Theresa Bray of the Allegan County Community Foundation, who assisted with amending a Legacy Grant, donations began to grow. Other groups stepped forward such as Class Act Salon that donated school supplies and Allegan Homeless Solutions that gave hygiene products. These were added to donations made to the high school by Perrigo, hand sanitizer, and Sassy Olive, masks. Food order forms are completed regularly and sent to Hungry for Christ where the items can be picked up. Happy Feet will be sending winter clothing and boots. Donations and memorials have added to the basic stock though Feffer noted that students must be constantly seeking items to restock shelves.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

The four Phillips teens (from left) Meredith, Megan, Matt and Mikey streaked their hair with funky colors to learn how much–or how little–appearances matter. (Photo by Kelly L. Mann)

Deaths

Oct. 4, 2025
JERRY LEE COOK, 67, Holland
Oct. 6, 2025
MARY SUE PLUNKETT, 75, Douglas
Oct. 8, 2025
MARTHA JANE MYERS, 98, Holland
TED WILLIAM DELONG, 82, Holland
Oct. 9, 2025
RONALD JERRY GIDDY, 81, Holland
Oct. 11, 2025
DONALD ORA JORGENSEN, 80, Cheshire Twp.
RICHARD DAVID CORNELISSE, 72, Dorr Twp.
HAROLD CHARLES SKINNER JR, 84, Leighton
Oct. 12, 2025
DAVID GLENN WATERS, 82, Gun Plain
MARY ELLEN WRIGHT, 81, Gun Plain
Oct. 14, 2025
KAREN LILLIAN BARR, 84, HOlland
DONALD ROBERT MARSTON, 82, Wayland
Oct. 15, 2025
TERRY LYNN IRGENS, 68, Plainwell
ROLAND JAMES WITTE, 81, Wayland
Oct. 16, 2025
FRANKLIN EDWARD MEADE, 36, Otsego
Oct. 17, 2025
DAVID LEE JOHNSON, 65, Casco Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Oct. 14 and Oct. 22:

ANAGH JEAN LAMPMAN, Allegan, and **MAXWELL XAVIER HECKMANN**, White Lake
JESSICA ANN BRACKETT, Otsego, and **MATTHEW TYLER RODERICK**, Otsego
EMMERSON LEANN VANDENBERG, Dorr, and **GARRETT ROSS BAINBRIDGE**, Middleville
TIARRA MARIE DIAZ, Plainwell, and **OLIN MATTHEW THOMPSON**, Plainwell
MELANIE LYNN RABINE JOHNSON, Holland, and **JOHN EDWARD FISCHER**, Holland
ARIANNA ROSE PHILLIPS, Allegan, and **NOAH DOE NIMPHIE**, Allegan
CONSEPCION CABRERA, Holland, and **DENNIS ANDREW KOEMAN**, Holland
HADIS SAFIC, Grand Rapids, and **DAYNAH JANAE WOOD**, Wayland
KAREN LYNN WILKS, Otsego, and **MICHAEL LESLIE PECKHEM**, Otsego

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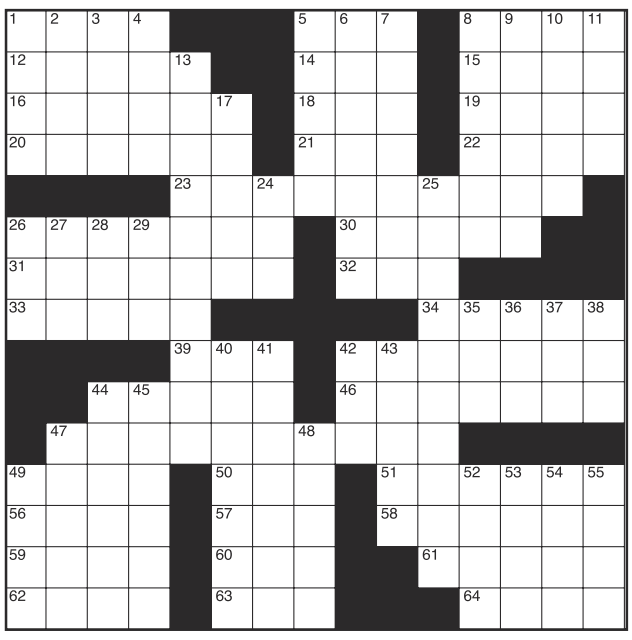

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5. Rocker's tool
8. A lot
12. Traveling by ground
14. Spelling competition
15. Two-toed sloth
16. Small perfumed bag
18. 'Much __ about nothing'
19. Tough-skinned mollusk
20. Removes from record
21. It warms the planet
22. Leafy green
23. Quality of arriving favorably
26. Living thing
30. 'Six of Crows' author Bardugo
31. Got around a rule
32. Resin from burned substance
33. Iraq seaport
34. Religious leaders
39. Fugitives are on it
42. Samson's influencer
44. Italian city
46. A quality of lacking interest
47. Predatory tropical fishes
49. Nobel physician Isodor
50. Luck
51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
57. One point south of due east
58. It follows 79
59. Paper currency
60. Anger
61. Spanish seaport
62. Sleep in a rough place
63. Famous museum
64. Selfs

CLUES DOWN
1. Bullfighting maneuver
2. From a distance
3. Soul and calypso song
4. Expressions of delight
5. Lower in esteem
6. Inner region of an organ
7. Flowers
8. A bog
9. Remove a fastening
10. Membranes
11. Enormous
13. One who abstains from drink
17. Malayan wild ox
24. Type of student
25. Rejecting all moral principles
26. Sino-Soviet block
27. Egyptian unit of weight
28. Wrong
29. Make a mistake
35. Indicates location
36. Boxing's 'GOAT'
37. Where wrestlers compete
38. Timid
40. Disney town
41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
42. Male parent
43. Remove for good
44. Simple shoes
45. Flowers
47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
48. Not pleased
49. 'Atlas Shrugged' author
52. CIA officer and writer
53. Hoodlum
54. __ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
55. Woolen rugs

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RELIGION SECTION

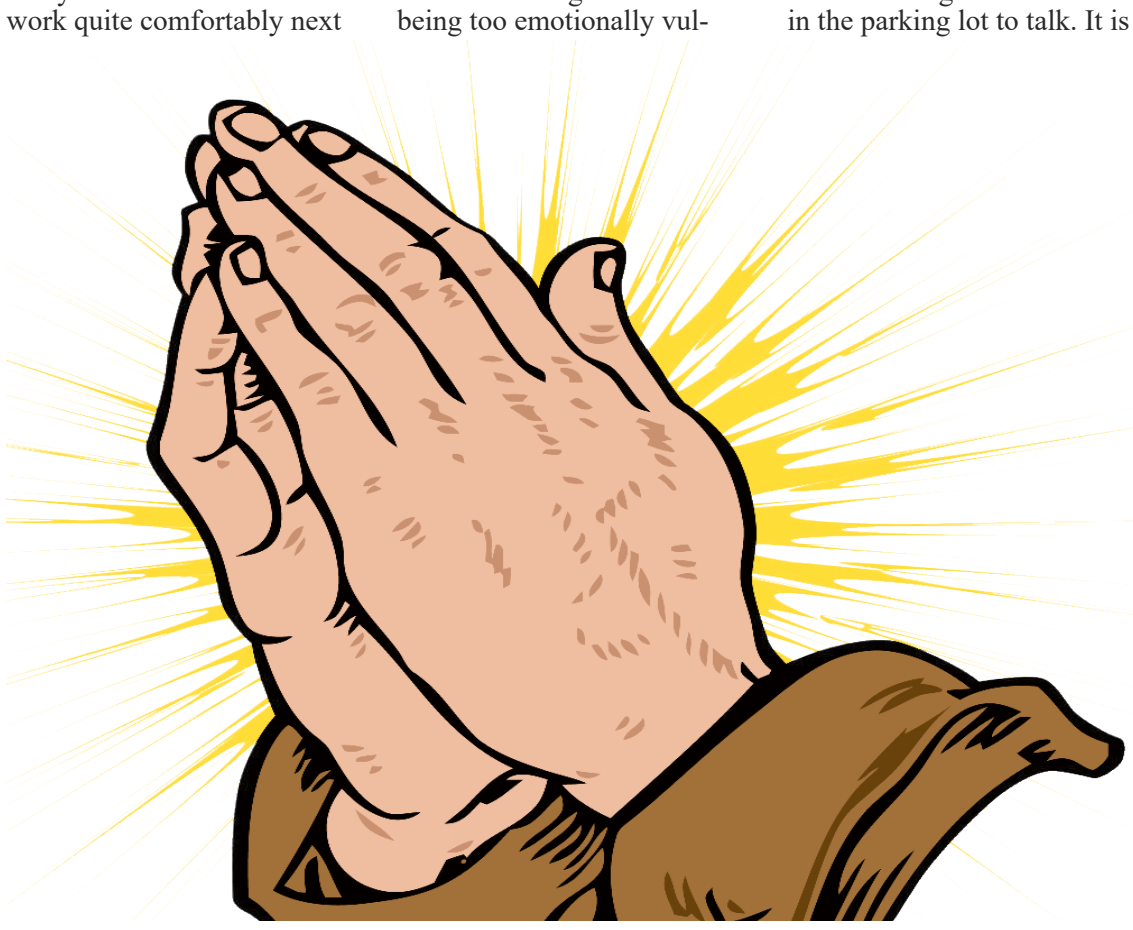
I have long had a tremendous appreciation for the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament, especially Proverbs. Today I read and studied the first six verses of the ninth chapter with these words, "Wisdom has built her house….She prepared the table…and set the banquet." And then she extends the invitation to everyone: come and join me, eat and drink, partake."

What a magnificent invitation to learn from her wisdom.

When my longtime friend Garrison Keillor was confirmed into the Episcopal Church he quickly appreciated what he called the third Sacrament. Holy Baptism and Holy Communion were the first two until he identified a third, an informal, but very important one: Coffee Hour. To some, that sounds a bit odd, perhaps even blasphemous.

He explained that on most Sundays we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the sanctuary, and then we move into the parish hall where we celebrate the Communion of the Saints.

It is there where we join together for light refreshment. That is always a welcome event. Far more important are the conversations around the tables or, at the end, working together in the kitchen to do the cleanup. This is especially true for men. We will work quite comfortably next to each other, shoulder to shoulder, but there is always a bit of wariness about getting too close. Unspoken is that wariness of sharing too much of what is happening in our life or troubling our heart or being too emotionally vulnerable. In the kitchen, while we are doing something, we turn a bit more open, sharing our concerns. Sometimes men will hang around a bit later, leaning against the kitchen counters or against their cars in the parking lot to talk. It is a safe environment to more openly talk - and we need it.



Wisdom's invitation to her spiritual banquet and table takes it up several notches. Regardless of our formal education, background, money, or lack of it, or anything else, the invitation is open to all, and we are invited to learn.

We learn to better understand and implement what God wants from us, and what it truly means to be a follower of Jesus. We gain an understanding that our assets are not to be used as bragging rights, nor spent solely on our own pleasures. They are gifts from God to be used in a way that glorifies him, We learn that relationships with other people are not opportunities to abuse them, but to be for our mutual benefit and joy.

In short, spiritual wisdom teaches us how to turn from the world's scheme of doing things to what God hopes and asks of us. It can lead us to turning face to face toward each other and speaking more openly from our heart.

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200 Park St. Plainwell
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Pastor Margaret Stoken

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Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
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